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STATEMENT

on the crash of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 on Ukrainian territory

"We are shocked by reports of the circumstances surrounding the tragic loss of a Malaysian Airlines flight on its way from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur on Ukrainian territory and the loss of so many lives. Our thoughts are with the many whose relatives and friends were on board.

The circumstances must be clarified without delay and the international investigation must shed full light on this tragedy. We call on all parties in the region of the crash to provide full access to the crash site, so that it can be secured immediately, to cooperate fully and to share all relevant information.

This is another stark illustration of why it is so urgent to bring this conflict to an end. Without prejudging the facts behind the crash, we call on all parties to stop the senseless loss of life in Eastern Ukraine, to refrain from any escalatory acts, and to agree to an immediate cease fire."

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