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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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Since Russia started the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Ukraine is defending its sovereignty and territorial integrity against this illegal and unprovoked aggression. The EU remains committed to supporting Ukraine in the face of Russia's ongoing war of aggression, while also maintaining close cooperation and trust with all Member States. The EU is fully committed to supporting Ukraine and pressuring Russia in order to help achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace, in line with the principles of the UN Charter. Ukraine has apologised to Greece over the incident near Lefkada, attributing it to circumstances arising from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and reconfirming that Ukraine remains committed to international law and maritime safety and is interested in preventing similar incidents in the future.

It is not the support to Ukraine but the ongoing Russia's aggression against Ukraine that poses danger to the safety of all European countries. The EU continues to support Ukraine and maximise pressure on Russia until it ends its aggression. Recent adoption of the 20th sanctions package and the EUR 90 billion Ukraine support loan reflect this determination.