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Chair's summary

- Today, G 7 Health Ministers from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, discussed the priorities of the German G 7 Presidency, spoke about the COVID-19 Omicron situation and exchanged views on the war in Ukraine regarding health.
- We reiterated the messages outlined in the recent G7 leaders statement. The large-scale military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine affects us all. We have the responsibility to stand by the people of Ukraine and its democratically elected government. We face new threats that we did not imagine to be possible. The G 7 countries will show solidarity and support the Ukrainian people and, inter alia provide humanitarian assistance, including medical supplies, equipment and treatments.
- In the face of the developments in Ukraine, the importance of international cooperation and the coordinating role of the World Health Organization (WHO) becomes clear once more at different levels. The WHO is well positioned to know the needs of Ukraine's health system and has started to deliver care and support to people affected by this crisis via the WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies. The G7 Health Ministers will support the WHO in its endeavours.