



**Permanent Mission of Ukraine**  
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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE ON RUSSIA'S WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE**

**1102<sup>nd</sup> FSC Plenary Meeting**

(26 March 2025)

Agenda Item 1, General Statements

**Mr Chairperson,**

As Ukraine, in close cooperation with its international partners, continues efforts to end the war and restore peace, the Russian Federation persists in its aggression, exploiting every opportunity to justify its unlawful demands.

Russia's response to the U.S. proposal for a 30-day comprehensive ceasefire exemplifies its manipulative tactics. While Ukraine has fully supported the initiative and expressed its commitment to its implementation and monitoring, Russia continues to obstruct the process, seeking to undermine peace efforts.

Now more than ever, diplomatic and sanctions pressure must be sustained to compel Russia to abandon its expansionist ambitions and adhere to international law. As President Zelenskyy stated before the European Council on 20 March: *"Ongoing diplomatic efforts do not mean Russia should face less pressure. That is crucial to reducing the chances of a Russian hoax. And we all know how easily Moscow disregards its promises – one moment they give their word, and a few hours later it means absolutely nothing."*

At the same time as Moscow pretends to seek peace, it continues its brutal war against Ukrainian civilians. Russia has not ceased its attacks on Ukraine's energy and civilian infrastructure for a single day. Let me recall just the most recent examples.

On the night of March 18-19, hours after a phone call between U.S. and Russian presidents, Russian Armed forces launched a massive attack on Ukraine, firing 2

Iskander-M ballistic missiles and four S-300 anti-aircraft guided missiles, along with 145 Shahed-type drones. Energy and civilian infrastructure in Donetsk, Sumy, Odesa, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv, and Chernihiv regions were damaged.

On the night of March 19-20, Russia carried out its most intense shelling of the city of Kropyvnytskyi since the start of the full-scale war. Over 30 explosions destroyed 70 private and 17 apartment buildings, injuring 14 civilians, including 7 children. That night, Russia launched 171 drones across Ukraine.

On the night of March 20-21, another mass drone attack struck Odesa and Zaporizhzhia. In Odesa, residential buildings, a shopping centre, and a cemetery were hit. Three civilians, including a minor, were injured. In Zaporizhzhia, five people—including a child—were wounded in an airstrike. Russia launched 214 drones that night alone.

On 23 March, a Russian drone strike on Kyiv killed three civilians, including a father and his five-year-old daughter. Ten others, including an 11-month-old baby, were injured. Private homes and apartment buildings were damaged.

This Monday, 24 March, a Russian missile strike on Sumy severely damaged apartment buildings and a school, leaving nearly 100 civilians injured, including 23 children.

Similar massive attacks on Ukraine occur every night and underscore Russia's complete unwillingness to halt its aggression. While continuing its war crimes against civilians, Russia remains silent on its own actions, instead attempting to shift blame for the lack of a ceasefire onto Ukraine. Yet the truth is undeniable—Russia is the aggressor, and Ukraine is defending its sovereignty.

As Ukraine's Foreign Minister, Andrii Sybiha, recently stated: "Instead of making hollow statements about peace, Russia must stop bombing our cities and end its war on civilians."

Ukraine welcomes the progress reached in the negotiations in Saudi Arabia, particularly on a ceasefire in the energy sector and efforts to restore Black Sea security. If Moscow fails to comply, there must be consequences—new sanctions and stronger pressure. Diplomacy must prevail, but for Ukraine, trust in Russia is nonexistent. Their actions in the coming days will be telling. The world must ensure Moscow cannot continue to lie, manipulate, and prolong this war.

Ukraine remains committed to a just peace based on international law. However, as history has shown, the only way to ensure Russia negotiates in good faith is to leave it no alternative through decisive international pressure.

**Mr Chairperson,**

The integrity of multilateral diplomacy depends on respect for facts, constructive dialogue, and adherence to truth. Unfortunately, the Russian delegation continues to disregard these principles, engaging in deliberate deception, manipulation, and outright falsifications to mislead the international community.

At the most recent FSC meeting, the Russian delegation falsely claimed that “foreign media had to recognize Ukraine’s Kursk operation was a failure.” To support this, the Russian delegation presented alleged front pages from various newspapers, including the *Hull Daily Mail*, *La Croix*, and *USA Today*. However, as will be evident from the appendix to our statement, which will be circulated in due course, two of these front pages were entirely forged by the Russian delegation, while the *La Croix* headline was altered to hide an article on military assistance to Ukraine.

This is not the only recent example of falsification. In the same statement, the Russian delegation falsely claimed that Ukraine was preparing a bill on military registration of 14-year-old children – a baseless accusation rooted in a fabricated interview with a Ukrainian MP, which was disseminated by Russian-controlled media. Notably, the media outlet that initially spread this fake news has since retracted it and apologized. The question now is whether the Russian delegation will do the same.

These two incidents are just a small sample of the constant distortions, fabrications, and disinformation that characterize Russia’s statements. The purpose of these lies is clear: to discredit Ukraine and its partners, and undermine international support for Ukraine.

Such actions are not only an attack on Ukraine but an insult to the FSC and all OSCE participating States. Exploiting diplomatic platforms for propaganda is unacceptable and highlights Russia’s contempt for the rules-based international order and the fundamental principles of diplomacy. While Russia seeks to degrade this organization with deceit, we must uphold our commitment to truth, transparency, and accountability.

We call on all delegations to reject Russia’s disinformation tactics and stand united against the spread of falsehoods.

Russia’s attempts to mislead the international community will not prevail. The international order, grounded in the norms and principles of international law, will be restored.

**Thank you, Mr Chairperson.**

Slide from the presentation distributed by the delegation of the Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/87/25)

## Western mass media about AFU's failed incursion into Kursk



- The West is increasingly disappointed with AFU's incursion into Kursk
- Millions spent by the West to help the Kiev regime were wasted
- Thousands of forcibly mobilized Ukrainians died



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## BOY FOUND GUILTY OF ATTEMPTING TO MURDER GIRL WITH A SWORD

Police at woodland off Ferryhill Road and the A63 after a 12-year-old girl was found with stab injuries

### HALLOWEEN CAMPING TRIP TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE WHEN YOUNG TEENAGER WAS STABBED TEN TIMES

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Actual La Croix front page issued on  
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**Monde**  
Ciblés par Donald Trump, les scientifiques se mobilisent P. 4-5

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Wikipédia, la méticuleuse fabrique du savoir P. 10-11

**Exposition**  
« L'Affaire » vue par Alfred Dreyfus P. 16

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Jean-Christophe Hoquin

## L'Ukraine respire, l'Europe se ressaisit

Les États-Unis ont repris leur aide à Kiev après dix jours de tensions qui ont décidé l'Europe à accélérer son effort de défense P. 2-3



Le président Volodymyr Zelenskyy échange avec les médias à Londres, le 2 mars, lors du Sommet européen pour l'Ukraine. (AFP/ANSA/REUTERS)

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Actual USA Today front page  
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**Coaching carousel hasn't slowed Utah State hoops**  
Aggies near NCAA Tournament history with their third coach in three seasons. In Sports

**Jack Quaid talks bad pain, nicknames and 'Novocaine'**  
Star of new movie also dishes about whether he prefers playing the hero or villain. In Life

**Southwest fliers raise eyebrows at new policy**  
No longer will bags fly free - and airline's loyal passengers aren't thrilled with the change. They wonder if carrier will lose its uniqueness. In Money

## New wave of federal layoffs landing hard

Agencies ordered to widen their scope; employees are already being warned

layoff of 20% of its workforce. NASA is shortening those layoff notices and plans have looked for laying off 75,000 employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Trump has floated cutting more than half the staff at the Environmental Protection Agency. Reports are being offered at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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**Builder's tiny homes making big impact**

Prime Craftsmen Homes has built 47 tiny, modular homes in Oklahoma since mid-2024, and it recently became certified to be a contractor for the Cherokee Nation. (Photo by David J. Phillip for USA Today)

**Markets unnerved as tariffs take effect**

Canada, EU retaliate against US products

John Beron, Jay Garrison and Doyle Rice

Canada and the European Union quickly unveiled retaliatory levies on U.S. industrial and farm products after President Donald Trump's sweeping tariff, on imported steel and aluminum imports took effect Wednesday. Tightening measures threaten thousands of jobs and forcing loss of inflation and recession.

Trump's effort to protect U.S. steel and aluminum producers instead of better global tariffs of 25% on all imports of the metals and also extended the duties to hundreds of products made from the metals.

Reacting to the trade war further, Trump said "of course I will respond" with additional tariffs on EU imports.

"Look, the EU was set up in order to take advantage of the United States. He said as he met in the Oval Office with Prime Minister Michael Mead, whose country is part of the EU.

Trump also reiterated that members of the EU, like all nations, will be subject to his new reciprocal tariff, set to go into effect April 2, whereby the United States will respond to any country's tariff on U.S. exports by matching with identical tariff at the same rate.

Metals President Gerald R. Mead said his government will wait for a possible retaliation in coming weeks rather than immediately retaliate.

Trump defended the aggressive one

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Hourlong spectacle gives clouds a chance to clear

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Andrea Thompson, founder of Prime Craftsmen Homes, takes her granddaughter, Anabella, to day care before going to work in Broken Arrow, Okla., earlier this month.

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