



## United States Mission to the OSCE

# The Russian Federation's Ongoing Aggression Against Ukraine

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Since the Permanent Council last met, Russia has continued its desperate international search for material support to fuel its war machine against Ukraine. Answering Russia's call, the DPRK has continued to supply Russia with munitions and ballistic missiles.

The DPRK, however, is not alone in its material support for Russia's aggression. The People's Republic of China, or PRC, has provided a significant amount of dual-use technology and weapons precursors to Russia that have been used to create weapons systems, including nitrocellulose that is used for propellants, machine tools, and optics that help produce UAVs, missiles, and rockets.

The PRC is a European security actor as an investment and trading partner. It is also a hard security actor given its support to Russia. The PRC is bankrolling the biggest threat to European security since the Second World War.

So today, I would like to provide some statistics, based on Russia's own customs data, to explain the extent of the PRC's support for Russia's war:

- The PRC is now by far the largest supplier of dual-use goods to Russia, accounting for more than 73 percent of Russian imports of these goods since February 2022. This is approximately 16 billion dollars' worth of dual-use goods critical to Russia's war effort.
- Nearly 90 percent of all semiconductors and other microelectronics imported into Russia in 2023 were shipped via the PRC. Beyond microelectronics, we also have serious concerns about PRC entities exporting machine tools, nitrocellulose, optics, as well as cruise missile and UAV technology to Russia.
- The PRC markedly increased its support of Russia's defense industrial base between February 2022 and February 2023. Average monthly Russian imports of dual-use goods from the PRC rose by more than 350 million dollars from August 2022 to January 2023 as compared with the previous six months. That's a 78 percent increase over this six-month period.
- By February 2023, the PRC had increased its monthly shipments of western origin dual-use goods to Russia by more than 500 percent. This extraordinarily high level of support continued throughout 2023, peaking in June 2023 at 162 million dollars' worth of goods imported by Russia from the PRC which originated in countries that sanction Russia.

- It is clear PRC support has been critical to Russia's ability to reconstitute its industrial base. Since the full-scale invasion, the PRC has shipped more than 2 billion dollars worth of dual-use goods to Russia that were produced by the international coalition sanctioning Russia. This includes 800 million dollars worth of semiconductors and related microelectronics.

Madam Chair, the PRC's provision of equipment and its material support to Russia is not just enabling Russia to attack Ukraine in the current moment. It is also building up Russia's weapons production capacity. This will pose a significant long-term threat to European security, beyond the immediate threat to Ukraine.

To address this, the United States has sanctioned PRC entities building up Russia's defense industrial base. We've made clear no entity is immune. We're going to continue to make sure that there is no sanctuary for companies that support the Russian Federation's war machine. We urge others to do the same to support Ukraine and bring an end to this war.

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