



United States Mission to the OSCE

The Russian Federation's Ongoing Aggression Against Ukraine

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On November 19th, we marked 1,000 days of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine which has caused death and destruction on a staggering scale. As we mark this grim milestone, we renew our call for Putin to withdraw Russia's forces from all of Ukraine's territory and cease its attacks on Ukraine's cities and civilian infrastructure. Russia will not escape accountability for the unconscionable suffering it has inflicted and the crimes many that members of its forces and Russia's officials have committed.

In Bucha, Russia's soldiers massacred hundreds of civilians, leaving the streets littered with bodies.

The siege of Mariupol turned a thriving city into ruins, with Russia's bombs hitting a theater full of sheltering civilians - and I think we all remember that that theater was clearly marked as housing civilians.

Russia's deliberate strikes on Ukraine's grain storage and ports threaten global food security. Russia's mines that litter Ukraine's agricultural heartland will take years to remove. Russia's war has polluted waterways, threatening drinking water and agriculture.

And Russia's attacks in the vicinity of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant have placed millions across the OSCE region at risk of nuclear disaster.

Over 11,000 Ukrainian civilians are known to have been killed, including more than 600 children; over 250 schools and hospitals reduced to rubble; historic sites that embody Ukraine's cultural heritage destroyed; thousands of children forcibly transferred or deported out of the country and subjected to pro-Russia indoctrination, some even adopted by Russian families.

Yet after 1,000 days, Russia has failed to wipe sovereign Ukraine off the map or to break the spirit of its indomitable people.

Ukraine shows the world the strength of a free people determined to defend their homeland. From soldiers on the front lines to energy workers restoring power, healthcare providers saving lives, and teachers educating future generations about Ukraine's rich history and culture, Ukrainians refuse to be defined by the Kremlin or submit to its cruel will.

Mister Chair, the United States together with a coalition of over 50 nations, has mobilized resources on a historic scale in support of Ukraine, providing billions in security, energy and economic assistance, and humanitarian aid. We will continue to surge assistance to Ukraine to sustain its defense and ensure it is in the strongest possible position on the battlefield. Our united support sends a clear message: we remain dedicated to upholding the UN Charter and Helsinki Final Act principles and to Ukraine's right to choose its own future.

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