



**Permanent Mission of Ukraine**  
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**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine**  
**at the 950<sup>th</sup> FSC Plenary Meeting on Russia's ongoing aggression against**  
**Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea**

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**Mr. Chairperson,**

On behalf of the Delegation of Ukraine, in my national capacity, let me deliver a statement on the subject of Russia's on-going aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea.

Ukraine considers **holding so-called "parades" of units of the Black Sea Fleet of the Russian Federation on June 24, 2020 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Victory over Nazism in the temporarily occupied territories** of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, as well as of the Russian occupation forces (ROF) in the temporarily occupied parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions as a blatant disregard by Russia of the current legislation of Ukraine and norms of international law, including UN General Assembly Resolution of March 27, 2014 "Territorial Integrity of Ukraine".

This provocation reaffirms that Russia is deliberately escalating tensions in Ukrainian-Russian relations and is unwilling to resolve the problems caused by its armed aggression and occupation of parts of Ukraine's sovereign territory. We believe that holding so-called "military parades" in the temporarily occupied parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions are a gross violation of the obligations of the Russian side as a party to the Minsk agreements and highlights their direct involvement in this crisis.

We regard the demonstration by the Russian Federation during the so-called "military parades" in the temporarily occupied territories of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol of military equipment, as a continuation of Russia's policy of militarizing Crimea, which poses a serious threat to European security. The involvement of children by the Russian occupational administration for militaristic purposes is particularly cynical.

Ukraine demands that Russia immediately stop illegal actions against the state sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and take comprehensive measures to de-occupy part of Ukraine's sovereign territory, including withdrawing all its armed formations, military equipment and mercenaries.

**A regular meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group (Ukraine, Russia, OSCE) was held on 25 June 2020** in the format of a video conference with active participation of representatives of certain areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine as part of the Ukrainian delegation.

During the discussion, the Ukrainian side in the TCG stressed the importance of establishing a sustainable and comprehensive ceasefire.

A number of proposals submitted by the Ukrainian side were discussed within the security working group. They concerned, among other things, demining and security for the civilian population, new disengagement areas and ensuring a sustainable ceasefire. The group's moderator, SMM Chief Monitor, Ambassador Yaşar Halit Çevik, noted the constructive nature of the dialogue.

The Ukrainian delegation emphasized the need to ensure full and unimpeded access of the OSCE SMM to the entire temporarily occupied territory. Only in the period from June 1 to June 23, 2020, 39 cases of non-admission of the SMM observers to the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine through the checkpoints crossing the contact line were recorded.

The Ukrainian side stressed its willingness to provide the necessary security guarantees and full assistance to the SMM to investigate the incident with damage to the surveillance camera of the Mission near Shyrokyne (Donetsk region), which occurred on June 22, 2020 as a result of shelling from the occupied territory of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian side offered to hold an additional meeting of the security group to achieve progress in the issue of disengagement of forces and hardware in the new prospected areas until the next meeting of the TCG.

It also raised the issue of safe storage of radioactive materials in occupied part of Donbas and the possibility of forming a group of experts under the auspices of the IAEA to monitor the situation. The delegation also raised the issue of ensuring water supply in the conflict zone.

In the framework of the working group on political issues, the Ukrainian delegation provided the sides with a calendar plan for the preparation and holding of local elections within the period established by law. It was reiterated that the holding of elections in the occupied areas of Ukraine is possible only after a comprehensive de-escalation, withdrawal of foreign military units and equipment, disarmament of illegal armed formations and restoration of control over the state border in the conflict zone by the Ukrainian government.

The Ukrainian delegation reiterated willingness to open two new checkpoints in the Luhansk region for humanitarian purposes, and provide security guarantees for the period of construction of checkpoints' infrastructure.

The next round of consultations within the TCG is scheduled for July 8. The Ukrainian side is doing everything possible to implement the agreements of the Normandy-4 Summit reached in Paris on December 9, 2019 to ensure the holding of the next summit in Berlin as soon as possible. **Summing up the discussion, the OSCE moderator, Ambassador Heidi Grau, commended the intensification of**

**the work of the Ukrainian party, noting that it contributed to the work of all TCG groups.**

The SMM continued to observe **damage to residential houses in government-controlled Berezivske**. It saw fresh damage to three inhabited residential houses in the eastern part of Berezivske, all assessed as caused by rounds fired from a northerly direction. Inside a kitchen of one of the houses, it saw a piece of unexploded ordnance, assessed as a (30mm) round from an infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2) cannon, which was assessed to have entered the house through the window before striking a wall. Residents of all three houses told the SMM that the damage had occurred on 7 June.

**At 08:10 on 22 June, the SMM lost the video feed from its daylight camera located 1km south-west of government-controlled Shyrokyne**. At 08:15, a Ukrainian AFs officer of the JCCC told the Mission that the camera had sustained damage. During multiple flights, an SMM mini-UAV confirmed the information of the Ukrainian part of JCCC, which conducted a thorough investigation of this and other related case in the settlement Berdyanske. The results of the investigation demonstrated the following. The day before destruction of the SMM camera, on June 21, 2020 from 08.30 to 09.00 the ROF approximately from the direction of Bezymianne shelled at the direction of Berdyanske using a 152-mm anti-tank missile system "Cornet". The same day, the observation group of the JCCC confirmed the fact of the shelling of the settlement Berdyanske and recorded the results of the shelling. One crater was found from the explosion of a missile, probably 152 mm caliber, from the anti-tank missile complex "Cornet" on the territory of the recreation center "Sokil". The distance from the place of photofixation to the contact line is about 4130 meters. **(SEE 5 SLIDES)**.

On June 22, 2020 from 08.10 to 08.15 the Russian occupation forces (ROF) from the direction of settlement Bezymianne at the direction of Shyrokyne shelled, probably with the use of an anti-tank missile system "Cornet". From 10 a.m. to noon, the same investigating group of JCCC confirmed the fact that settlement Shyrokyne was shelled from the anti-tank missile system and photo-recording of the shelling results was carried out. The fact that a 152 mm missile of the Cornet anti-TMS hit the upper part of the mast with the stationary OSCE SMM surveillance camera was confirmed, as a result of which the camera and the mast itself were damaged. The distance from the place of fixation to the contact line is about 2900 meters.

**ROF continued to deny SMM patrols passage at checkpoints in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. From 20 to 26 June**, ROF again denied the SMM attempts to cross into temporarily occupied areas along official crossing routes: 6 times in Donetsk region and twice in Luhansk region, while further attempts to cross into government-controlled areas were also denied 4 times in Luhansk region. On 20, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 June, at a checkpoint south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, ROF continued denying the SMM passage towards temporarily occupied areas on 2

occasions, and passage towards government-controlled areas on 4 other occasions – 3 times referring to the closure of the checkpoint due to COVID-19 and 3 times, stating that “the SMM did not have permission to pass”. On 23 June, at a checkpoint near occupied Olenivka, ROF continued to deny the SMM passage towards occupied areas, referring to a “lack of permission from their superiors”. On 22 and on 26 June, at a checkpoint west of occupied Verkhnohshyrokiivske, ROF (visibly armed) denied the SMM passage towards occupied areas, both times referring to quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19. On 21, 23 and 26 June, at a checkpoint near occupied Horlivka, the Mission was again unable to travel towards occupied areas due to the presence of a metal barrier and spikes laid across the road, and of a mine hazard sign. In addition, on 26 June, ROF denied the SMM passage towards occupied areas referring to a “lack of permission from their superiors”.

We **continue** to provide **information about high-ranking Russian public officials, Russian civil servants and citizens** who now occupy official positions in the Russian occupational administrations in Donbas. **(SEE 2 SLIDES)**.

The so called "**Ombudsman**" of the Russian occupational administration in certain areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine **Daria Morozova, participating in the negotiations in Minsk, has Russian citizenship and plans to live in Moscow**, and the Russian “Association of War Veterans” awarded her a medal. She is a **representative of the Donetsk Occupational Administration (DOA) in the working subgroup on humanitarian issues in the TCG**. In 2014, she received the rank of "captain" from the assassinated former leader of the DOA, O.Zakharchenko and is an “officer” in one of the specific so-called "security departments". The message says, D.Morozova, as a true citizen and patriot of Russia, plans to live in Moscow, where she has already acquired real estate and everything else necessary for a happy life.

**In conclusion**, we urge the Russian Federation to stop its aggression against Ukraine, reverse its illegal occupation of Crimea, de-occupy parts of the Donbas region of Ukraine, and restore freedom of navigation through the Kerch Strait and in the Sea of Azov. Russia must fully implement its commitments under the Minsk agreements, including withdrawal of its forces, illegal armed formations and weapons from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine.

**Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.**