



**Permanent Mission of Ukraine**  
to the International  
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## **Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine on the resuming of so-called «borderization» process in Georgia**

As delivered by Ambassador Yevhenii Tsymbaliuk  
to the 1269th meeting of the Permanent Council,  
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**Mr. Chairperson,**

Ukraine aligned itself to the statement just made by the European Union. Now let me add few remarks in the national capacity.

Ukraine expresses its solidarity with Georgia and international community in condemning the so-called «borderization» process launched by the Russian occupation authorities on the occupied territories of Georgia.

Despite the fact that the whole world mobilizes efforts in combating the coronavirus pandemic, the Russian Federation continues its aggression against neighboring sovereign states, including Georgia, cynically carrying out «borderization» in a dozen of Georgian villages almost on the entire perimeter of the occupied territories of this country.

Such destructive and provocative actions, fully controlled by the Russian Federation, are constantly intensified by Russian hybrid methods of propaganda aimed at destabilizing the security situation in Georgia, and in the whole region, through escalation of the conflict on the ground and use of hybrid warfare tools.

We urge the Russian Federation to immediately cease the illegal activities on the installation of artificial barriers on the occupied territory of Georgia, to provide full and unhindered access of the international monitoring and human rights organizations to the Georgian occupied territories and finally fulfil all its obligations under the Ceasefire Agreement of August 12, 2008.

In conclusion, let me reiterate Ukraine`s unwavering support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders.

**Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.**