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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE
ON RUSSIA'S WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE**

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Mme. Chairperson,

[Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered by Cyprus on behalf of the EU-26 under this agenda item. In my national capacity, I would like to add the following remarks].

I would like to deliver a statement on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

Russia's actions continue to prove it has chosen war, terror, and destruction over peace and accountability.

Russia's attempts to provoke the collapse of Ukraine's energy system in winter failed, but Moscow continues daily aerial terror. The main target of this terror is critical infrastructure and peaceful residents of Ukrainian rear cities, strikes on which have no military sense.

Only during the past week, Russia launched **1,770 attack drones, more than 1,530 guided aerial bombs, and 86 missiles**, including **over 20 ballistic missiles**, against Ukrainian territory. These strikes targeted cities, residential neighbourhoods, energy facilities and critical transport infrastructure.

On **March 14**, the Russian Federation carried out another **massive combined aerial strike** against Ukraine, launching **498 air attack weapons**, including **2 Zircon missiles, 13 Iskander-M/S-**

400 ballistic missiles, 25 Kalibr cruise missiles, 24 Kh-101 cruise missiles, 4 Kh-59/69 guided missiles, and 430 Shahed-type attack drones, with Kyiv and the Kyiv region among the main targets. As a result of this attack, **at least 6 civilians were killed and more than 20 injured**.

On **March 16**, the terroristic state launched **211 attacks using Shahed, Gerber, Italmas**, and other types of strike UAVs from the different directions of Russia territory.

In recent months, Russian forces have intensified attacks on Ukraine's railway infrastructure. Approximately **130,000 railway facilities**, including rail tracks, stations and depots, have already been damaged or destroyed as a result of Russian attacks. In the first days of March alone, **41 railway facilities were damaged**, including strikes against passenger train infrastructure in the **Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv and Sumy regions**.

Russia's deliberate targeting of railway infrastructure is particularly cynical, as railways remain essential for civilian evacuation, humanitarian deliveries and economic stability.

Colleagues,

On March 15, Ukraine imposed a new package of sanctions against **130 individuals and 48 legal entities** that service Russia's military-industrial complex. Among them are a number of citizens and companies from Iran who helped Russia launch and expand the production of Shaheds.

At the same time, it is important to recall that Russia's ability to sustain this war machine is directly linked to the continued supply of foreign technological components. Each Russian missile used to strike Ukrainian cities contains **at least 60 foreign-made components** that reach Russia through sanctions-evasion schemes. These supply chains are well known and must be decisively disrupted.

Moreover, the same Iranian-designed drones used by Russia against Ukrainian cities are already being used in other regions, including the Middle East, posing threats not only to Ukraine but also to regional and international security.

If the world is unable to provide enough air defense systems to protect the skies over Europe and the Middle East from ballistic missiles all at once, we must prevent the Russians from assembling missiles at their factories.

In this regard, Ukraine stresses the importance of maintaining and strengthening international sanctions pressure against the Russian Federation. We particularly underline the importance of the forthcoming **20th EU sanctions package** against Russia.

It is important to note that the sanctions imposed by the United States and the European Union have already produced tangible results. **Russia has faced a budget deficit exceeding 100 billion US dollars in 2026 alone.**

Any weakening of sanctions including partial easing of restrictions on Russian oil risks providing Russia with **up to 10 billion dollars in additional revenue**, which would inevitably be used to finance further weapons production, including drones and missiles used to attack Ukrainian civilians.

Such financial flows do not contribute to peace. On the contrary, they strengthen Russia's capacity to continue its aggression.

This once again underlines why sanctions pressure must not be weakened but rather strengthened and better enforced.

Mme. Chairperson,

The scale of attacks against civilians, critical infrastructure and transport networks once again demonstrates that Russia is deliberately pursuing a strategy of terror designed to break Ukraine's resilience and undermine international stability.

Ukraine remains committed to defending its sovereignty and restoring a just and lasting peace in accordance with international law and the principles of the UN Charter.

Allow me to conclude by quoting the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who recently stated during his visit to France:

"It is important to continue putting pressure on Russia for this war in order to achieve real security and a lasting peace. The determination of the European Union and of other partners around the world must be preserved and must work in such a way that Russia has no additional illusions. Russia must end this war. And Ukraine is grateful to everyone who helps us achieve this."

End of quote.

Thank you, Mme. Chairperson.