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RIGHT OF REPLY BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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Madam Chairperson,

In response to the intervention by the Russian representative, I would like to quote my Minister, who clearly addressed and refuted these baseless accusations: “Russian manipulations regarding the alleged “attempt to attack Putin’s residence” are fabricated for only one reason: to create a pretext and false justification for Russia’s further attacks against Ukraine, as well as to undermine and impede the peace process.

Usual Russian tactic: accuse the other side of what you are doing or planning yourself.

First, Russia has already struck the Ukrainian government building this year.

Second, Ukraine only strikes legitimate military targets in the Russian territory—in response to Russian strikes at Ukraine.

Third, Russia is the aggressor, and Ukraine is the country that has been attacked and defends itself according to article 51 of the UN Charter. There can be no false equivalence between the aggressor and the country defending itself.

We urge the world to condemn provocative Russian statements aimed at derailing the constructive peace process. Ukraine remains committed to peace efforts led by the United States, with the participation of European partners”.

On the contrary, it is Russia that continues to attack Ukraine.

On Christmas night, Russian strikes killed and injured people in the city of Odesa, as well as in the Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Zaporizhzhia, and Sumy regions. Numerous instances of destruction were recorded across the country.

Instead of the peaceful celebration of winter holidays, millions of Ukrainians are forced to spend these days in shelters, hiding from Russian missiles, drones, and bombs. Regular large-scale strikes carried out by the aggressor state have turned the Christmas and New Year holiday season into a time of fear and loss.

More recently, on 27 December, Russia's massive aerial attack on Kyiv left dozens of people injured and caused widespread power outages. As a result, one third of the Ukrainian capital was left without heating and electricity in the middle of winter.

It is particularly cynical that these acts of terror and deliberate destruction of energy infrastructure are taking place at a time when the international community is making every effort to end the war and achieve a just and sustainable peace.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.