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Mr Chairperson,

Since the Permanent Council last met, Russia has further intensified its genocidal war against Ukraine, once again underscoring its contempt for international law, the lives of civilians, and the efforts required to restore a just and lasting peace.

Between 20 and 27 April, Russia launched approximately 1,900 attack drones, nearly 1,400 guided aerial bombs, and around 60 missiles of various types against Ukrainian cities and communities. As a result, at least 38 people were killed and 191 injured across multiple regions.

Let me to highlight just a few examples. On the night of 23 April, three people were killed and 13 injured in Dnipro. On the night of 24 April, two people were killed and 17 injured in Odesa. On 25 April, Russia carried out a prolonged combined attack on residential areas of Dnipro using drones and ballistic missiles. The assault that lasted more than 20 hours killed nine people and injured 61.

On 26 April, symbolically, on International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day, the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant temporarily lost all off-site power. This marked the 15th such incident since the beginning of Russia’s full-scale invasion.

Already this week, on Monday night, the aggressor launched yet another massive missile and drone attack, using at least 650 aerial weapons and deliberately targeting civilians and infrastructure. At least 14 people were injured.

This night Odesa was hit by a Russian massive overnight strike on April 30, causing widespread destruction and fires across different parts of the city. At least 18 people were injured.

Residential areas were struck, with apartments in both a 5-storey and a 17-storey building catching fire, along with a private house and a nearby hotel. Fires were also reported in warehouses, as well as administrative and educational buildings. Dozens of buses and cars were destroyed.

As Ukraine has stressed on numerous occasions, Russia's leadership must be held fully accountable for these war crimes. Those responsible must be brought to justice.

Moscow may believe that such actions demonstrate strength. In reality, they demonstrate nothing but cowardness, weakness as well as complete disregard for human life, international law, and fundamental international norms. They are also a sign of the Kremlin's increasing desperation, as it continues to believe that unrestricted terror against civilians will break the people of Ukraine.

Esteemed colleagues,

Today, the Kremlin regime after more than a quarter of a century in power, seeks to create an impression of wide support in the face of an alleged external threat.

Yet, even Russian state-controlled pollsters now report a steady decline in Putin's approval ratings. While such data must be treated with caution, and not to give an impression of dissent, it nevertheless point to a clear trend: declining support.

It is probably why, Russian rhetoric is becoming increasingly aggressive. The propaganda machine relies more and more on insults, threats, and primitively labels, branding all who oppose it as "neo-Nazi" or "Russophobic". This is why, time and again, we hear in this very room about so-called "Western double standards" and an alleged "hybrid war against Russia". The longer this war continues, the more strained and desperate the Kremlin's rhetoric becomes.

We see a similar pattern in the conduct of its military, marked by poor planning, cruelty, and repeated failures. Meanwhile, the Defence Forces of Ukraine continue to operate with deliberate planning, innovation, and the effective use of available capabilities. As a result, occupiers continue to suffer losses that exceed their capacity to recover.

According to the available estimates, as of 27 April, the aggressor has lost over 1.3 million personnel since 24 February 2022, along with tens of thousands of pieces of military equipment, including tanks, armoured vehicles, artillery systems, and aircraft.

The scale of Moscow's material losses and growing desperation are so significant that even its annual 9 May parade will reportedly no longer feature its traditional column of military vehicles.

Mr Chairperson,

Let us be absolutely clear: had Moscow not launched this senseless aggression, there would have been no such consequences. To expect that a sovereign, independent state would not defend itself is simply absurd. Moscow bears full responsibility for every life lost.

Against the backdrop of these staggering losses, Russia's approach to the peace process leads to one clear conclusion: pressure must not be reduced. It must be increased.

The only effective response to this terror is sustained and intensified pressure: stronger sanctions to further weaken the aggressor's war machine and increased support for Ukraine and its people, who continue to endure deliberate attacks on civilian infrastructure, including energy facilities.

In this context, let me recall the recently approved by the EU substantial financial loan for Ukraine, as well as 20th package of EU sanctions against Russia. We are grateful to all EU Member States that supported these decisions and demonstrated their unwavering rejection of war as an instrument of policy.

Only through unity, resolve, and sustained action can we stop this war of aggression and restore security in Europe. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy rightly stated recently at the Chornobyl International Conference, the world must finally constrain Russia's irresponsible actions for the sake of global security.

We seek peace and is doing the necessary diplomatic work to bring this war to a real end. Ukraine is ready to work toward this in any dignified and effective format. We took note of yesterday's telephone conversation and the proposal on ceasefire. As President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, we will clarify what exactly this is about – a few hours of security for a parade in Moscow, or something more.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.