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

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**Mme. Chairperson,**

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

On the night of February 7, Russia launched yet another massive attack on Ukraine: 408 drones and 39 missiles of various types. The production of these weapons would be impossible without critical foreign components, which Russia continues to obtain in circumvention of sanctions.

Overall, Russia launched some 2,000 strike drones, 1,200 guided aerial bombs, and 116 missiles at Ukrainian cities during just past week. Enemy attacks against Ukraine have killed at least 20 people, and injured more than 120 civilians.

The strikes hit residential high-rise buildings and combined heat-and-power plants that were operating exclusively to provide heating to residential areas in Ukrainian cities. Hundreds of thousands of families, including children, were deliberately left without heating during the harshest winter conditions, with outdoor temperatures dropping to extreme level. The most difficult circumstances are in the capital, where more than 1,400 apartment buildings remain without heating.

The aftermath of two massive enemy attacks on the country's power grid last week continues to be addressed. Restoration work is ongoing at both power stations and high-voltage

substations that supply power to nuclear power plants. Currently, Ukraine's NPPs were forced to significantly reduce output – halving nuclear generation capacity. This not only endangers Ukraine's own energy security and civilian population, but also poses a direct threat to regional and European nuclear safety. IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi has reiterated his urgent call for maximum military restraint, clearly warning that the ongoing deterioration of the grid "compromises nuclear safety" and creates ever-present risks of a serious incident.

Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine has involved not only direct military aggression, but also a calculated strategy of terror through the systematic destruction of civilian infrastructure, particularly during harsh winter conditions. This approach echoes historical atrocities while introducing a modern twist: a deliberate campaign of "kholodomor" — execution by cold — where targeted shelling and missile strikes on energy facilities leave millions vulnerable to freezing temperatures, resulting in deaths and widespread suffering.

To understand the gravity, one has to recall the original Holodomor: the man-made famine of 1932–1933 orchestrated by the Soviet regime under dictator Stalin, which – according to different estimates – killed from 7 up to 10 million of Ukrainians through starvation. Recognized by Ukraine and numerous countries and organizations as genocide, it was a tool of repression against the very Ukrainian identity and independence. Today, Russia has revived a similar playbook, with the only difference of weaponizing winter instead of hunger. By pounding Ukraine's power grid, heating systems, substations and other critical civilian infrastructure with drones, missiles, and artillery, Russian genocidal forces aim at crippling the country's ability to provide the very basic things such as warmth, electricity, and water amid the harshest winter conditions in last 20 years. This isn't collateral damage; it's a methodical effort to freeze civilians into submission or death. It also constitutes a part of Moscow's sickening and coward genocidal strategy: being unable to break us on the front line, it is trying to break us through freezing civilians in the rear, through families, children, partners, grandfathers and grandmothers of our defenders.

That is why this is nothing short of a genocide by proxy, building on the Soviet-era Holodomor to inflict "death by cold" on a resilient nation. Russia should bear full responsibility and accountability for these war crimes, and crimes against humanity. This is our joint task.

**I thank you, Mme Chairperson.**