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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.

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

In the past week, Russia unleashed massive waves of drones and missiles on Ukrainian cities and critical infrastructure, deliberately targeting energy facilities, transport hubs, and – most horrifically – civilian residential areas.

- On the night of March 5, Russian forces launched **155 attack drones**, including Iranian-designed Shahed loitering munitions.
- The following night of March 6, another **141 strike drones** struck Ukrainian cities.
- On the night of March 7, the enemy carried out a large-scale, coordinated missile-and-drone assault with **480 attack drones and 29 missiles** on Kharkiv and Dnipro, intentionally hitting civilian zones.

In Kharkiv, a Russian missile (preliminarily identified as Izdeliye-30) tore through a five-storey residential building, obliterating an entire entrance section from the first to the fifth floor and burying entire families under tons of concrete and rubble. Among the victims were children – innocent lives extinguished in an instant by deliberate terror. At least 10 civilians were killed,

including a 9-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl who should have been dreaming of school, play, and their bright future, not dying under collapsed homes. 4 people are considered missing and 16 others were injured.

These is not “collateral damage.” These are calculated acts of cruelty: missiles aimed at apartment blocks filled with sleeping children. Every child killed is a permanent wound on humanity, a crime that cannot be forgotten or excused. Russia’s systematic terror against Ukraine’s civilian population – especially its most vulnerable – demands the strongest possible condemnation and unyielding resolve to stop it.

**Mme. Chairperson,**

Russian military forces have once again committed a barbaric war crime: last week they abducted 19 Ukrainian civilians from the village of Sopych in the Sumy region and forcibly deported them to Russia, then paraded them on Kremlin propaganda channels.

This is nothing less than state-sponsored kidnapping and a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law.

Ukraine demands the immediate and unconditional return of every single abducted Ukrainian.

The Putin regime and every Russian perpetrator will be brought to justice for these crimes and every other atrocity committed against Ukraine.

**Esteemed colleagues,**

Iran's terrorist strikes on neighboring countries once again demonstrate that the regime in Tehran is a global, not regional, threat.

The ominous hum of Iranian Shahed drones now fills the skies over Ukrainian cities and Gulf capitals alike. This is undeniable proof that the wars in Europe and the Middle East are not separate struggles, but interconnected fronts of a single global conflict.

The regimes in Moscow and Tehran have forged a close-knit alliance, actively supplying each other with weapons, technology, critical resources, and intelligence.

This Russia-Iran axis constitutes one unified threat against Ukraine, Europe, the USA, and the Gulf states. Confronting it effectively requires a fully coordinated international response – free of artificial regional divisions.

Ukraine has already acted on this reality. Drawing from painful experience, we are sharing our battlefield expertise and have begun sending interceptor drones and specialists to the Middle East to protect both civilians and strategic targets — including helping defend U.S. bases in Jordan and assisting Gulf partners against these same lethal drones.

We urge our partners to demonstrate the same strategic awareness and commitment. This is not a zero-sum choice: success on one front directly enhances security across the entire line of confrontation.

Pressure on Russia — Iran's most important partner — must never slacken. Sanctions cannot be relaxed, and military assistance to Ukraine must not be interrupted. In fact, both must be substantially strengthened.

**Support for Ukraine is not an act of charity. It is a strategic investment in collective security and effective global deterrence.** Moscow and Tehran only respond to strength. Anything less simply invites further aggression.

The time for timid half-measures is over. Only bold, united resolve can restrain aggressive regimes — both in Tehran and in Moscow — and deliver genuine security.

**Mme. Chairperson,**

Allow me to conclude with a simple but fundamental point.

Ukraine did not choose this war.

Nevertheless, Ukraine will continue to defend its independence, its dignity, and its fundamental right to live in freedom.

No amount of propaganda, manipulation, or military terror can alter this basic truth:

**Russia started this war, and Russia alone is able to end it** — by immediately and completely withdrawing its forces from the sovereign territory of Ukraine.

We are deeply grateful to all our partners who continue to stand with Ukraine. Your support is saving lives today and is helping to ensure that the peace, when it finally comes, will be lasting and just.

Ukraine remains fully committed to achieving a just and lasting peace. Yet Russia continues to distort diplomatic efforts solely to prolong its aggression.

Ukraine wants peace – but it must be a peace protected by reliable, ironclad security guarantees that prevent Russian aggression in the future.

**I thank you, Mme. Chairperson.**