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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 the subject of Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine.

Ukraine remains firmly committed to the restoration of international law, and to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace.

Intensive diplomatic efforts have continued with a view to restoring peace for Ukraine and strengthening stability in Europe.

Ukraine's dedication to peace was clearly demonstrated during the recent contacts between the negotiating teams of Ukraine and the United States held on 21–22 March. Ukraine and the United States are working persistently on coordinating positions, creating reliable security guarantees and ending the war.

We remain open to constructive cooperation with Washington and European partners in pursuit of this objective.

At the same time, Russia does not demonstrate interest in ending the war and is trying to use the escalation in the Middle East to "freeze" trilateral consultations, weaken international attention, and strengthen its own negotiating position.

**Mme. Chairperson,**

Russia often claims to seek resolution of the conflict. Yet such statements remain mere political rhetoric, unsupported by any tangible actions.

Throughout the week **of 15 to 22 March alone, Russia launched nearly 1,550 attack drones, more than 1,260 guided aerial bombs, and 2 missiles against Ukraine.** Over that same period, Russian attacks killed **at least 21 people and injured around 93 civilians** across the Dnipropetrovsk, Sumy, Donetsk, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, and Kharkiv regions.

During the 24-hour period of 23–24 March 2026, Moscow has carried out its largest aerial assault on Ukraine to date, launching a record 982 air attack assets.

The strike package consisted of:

- 7 Iskander-M and S-400 ballistic missiles,
- 23 Kh-101 and Iskander-K cruise missiles,
- 4 Kh-59/69/31 guided aviation missiles, and
- 948 attack unmanned aerial vehicles of various types.

This massive and indiscriminate barrage was deliberately aimed at civilian infrastructure and populated areas across Ukraine. As a result, at least four civilians were killed and more than 50 others were wounded.

Despite the unprecedented scale of the attack, Ukrainian air defence units demonstrated outstanding efficiency and professionalism, successfully intercepting and destroying 948 out of 982 aerial targets. This corresponds to an interception rate of 96.5%.

These figures once again confirm that Russia continues to pursue a deliberate strategy of terror against the Ukrainian civilian population, while Ukraine's defenders are effectively neutralising incoming threats on the front line.

Just yesterday, Russia brutally attacked the Bernardine Monastery in the historic center of Lviv — a UNESCO World Heritage Site. While swarms of Iranian-made Shahed drones terrorized cities across Ukraine causing civilian casualties and destruction.

This is exactly what the Iranian regime, Moscow's close partner in crime, does in the Middle East. Both of them are acting as terrorist states. It must be met with strength, not

weakness.

As if to prove its criminal revanchist nature, Kremlin plans to recruit another **409,000 troops in 2026**, and is preparing further deployment of long-range drone ground-control stations in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, as well as four such stations in Belarus. This year Moscow also intends to recruit at least 18,500 foreign fighters – in addition to already engaged 27,000 foreigners.

These are not the actions of a State seeking peace. It is preparation for a wider and more sustained war.

**Esteemed colleagues,**

On 17 March, the Russian state development corporation VEB.RF publicly unveiled **25 long-term planning documents** for the so-called “reunified territories” in the Russian-occupied parts of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson regions. These documents explicitly cover cities and settlements such as Berdyansk, Melitopol, Enerhodar, Kalanchak, and Chaplynka, and outline infrastructure, housing, logistics, tourism, and industrial projects extending to 2044–2045. A central objective is the orchestrated demographic change in these temporarily occupied Ukrainian territories, in particular through the planned resettlement of more than 100,000 Russian citizens.

This genocidal policy is not new — it is a direct continuation of Stalinist practices of demographic engineering, and Russification in seized lands.

During the 1930s and especially in the 1940s, the Soviet regime under Joseph Stalin systematically deported entire ethnic groups from their ancestral homelands. The explicit goal was twofold: to punish, weaken, or eliminate “unreliable” non-Russian populations, and to clear space for the mass resettlement of ethnic Russians and other loyal Soviet elements. This was accompanied by the renaming of towns, the erasure of local cultural and historical identities, and the deliberate alteration of the ethnic composition of strategically important territories.

Today, Putin, Stalin’s pale shadow, is applying the same colonial logic in temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. Instead of mass deportations of entire nations on the 1944 scale, this ICC-indicted war criminal combines different but complementary tools: filtration camps, forced “evacuations,” abduction of children, pressure on local residents to obtain Russian passports, and — crucially — the organized import of Russian citizens into the seized lands. The long-term plans are designed to create a new demographic reality, in which the indigenous

Ukrainian population is gradually marginalized or displaced, while Russian settlers form the majority and secure Moscow's control.

The method has evolved, but the strategic objective remains identical: to erase Ukrainian identity from the land, replace it with a Russian one, and present the result as an irreversible so-called "reunification." What Stalin achieved through brutal forced deportations and Russification campaigns in the mid-20th century, the current Russian regime seeks to accomplish through a mix of military occupation, and demographic engineering.

History shows that such attempts at demographic conquest and cultural erasure ultimately fail when confronted with determined resistance and international resolve. Ukraine, together with its partners, will continue to expose and resist this latest chapter of imperial population policy.

**Mme. Chairperson,**

In conclusion, let me stress the following:

The full responsibility for this escalation rests solely with the Russian Federation. It is only Moscow that chose the path of aggression over peace, and continues to wage a brutal war against a sovereign state.

Ukraine will continue to exercise its inherent right to self-defence until Russia completely ceases its aggression and withdraws all its forces from the internationally recognized territory of Ukraine.

**Thank you, Mme. Chairperson.**