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

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Mr. Chairperson,

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

Over the period from 28 June to 6 July, Russia launched around 2,550 attack drones, more than 1,730 guided aerial bombs, and at least 174 missiles of various types against Ukraine. On the night of 5–6 July alone, Russia used 351 attack drones and 68 missiles, with Kyiv being the main target.

The attack killed at least 21 people and injured dozens more, according to updated reports. This came only days after another devastating strike on Kyiv on 2 July, which killed 31 civilians and injured 102.

Distinguished Colleagues,

A second day of mourning at my home in less than a week.

During the night of 1–2 July, Russian missiles hit 20 residential buildings in Kyiv. On 5–6 July, damage was recorded at more than ten locations across the city.

Russia's strikes are directed against businesses and civilian facilities: the Kyiv Zoo, the National Academy of Sciences, a Red Cross warehouse containing humanitarian aid, more than 20 educational institutions, hospitals, production and retail warehouses, and a hotel in the city centre all came under attack.

More than 52,000 people were hiding from Russian missiles and drones in the Kyiv metro, including nearly 4,500 children.

Ukrainian children continue to suffer from Russian air terror: in Kyiv and Kyiv Region alone, at least four children were wounded during the night of 6 July. The youngest victim is nine months old.

One wonders whether today we will again hear the Russian delegation stated about “military targets”.

Russia has no arguments left for its war other than its ballistic missiles. Russian President still intends to “vanquish” residential buildings rather than end this war.

The act of Russian air terror was condemned and solidarity with Ukraine was expressed by the UN Secretary-General, the President of PACE, the EU foreign policy agencies, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States, and other countries.

Russia's air terror against Ukrainian civilians is systematic: on 15 June, 2 July and now 6 July, Kyiv has suffered mass combined attacks. We have observed Russia's evolving air-attack tactics aimed at exhausting and overstretching our air defence.

Ballistic missiles remain the greatest threat to Ukrainian cities. On this occasion, none of the 29 ballistic and supersonic anti-ship missiles were intercepted.

Ukraine is grateful to its partners for their support and calls on them to respond to Russian terror by increasing funding for the PURL and JUMPSTART programmes for the procurement of Patriot systems and PAC-2 and PAC-3 munitions for intercepting ballistic missiles.

As President of Ukraine V.Zelenskyy noted, as long as Patriot missiles remain in allied warehouses, Russia will continue to “prevail” over residential buildings.

Everything that strengthens Ukraine and weakens Russia's war machine brings peace closer. We need strong and swift action that will compel Russia to move towards ending this war.

The 603,628 square kilometres of Ukraine's territory, as defined by the Constitution of Ukraine, are more than just a number. They are our cities and villages, our people, our history, our culture, and our future. They are what Ukraine's Armed Forces defend every single day, alongside the principles and values enshrined in the Fundamental Law of our State.

The regime in Moscow must understand that brutality and barbarism will not bring it victory. The cost of this war for Russia will only continue to rise.

The longer the Kremlin's leader refuses to acknowledge the reality – that he will never achieve any of his illusive objectives of dominance over Ukraine – the worse the consequences for Russia will become.

The only way forward for Russia is to end its war of aggression against Ukraine now.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.