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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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Mr Chairperson,

Indeed, day after day, Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine continues to inflict devastating human suffering and widespread destruction.

As the result of this night's Russia's massive attack against Kyiv, serious damage has been reported at more than 20 sites across the city – most of them ordinary residential buildings.

There was also damage to an ambulance station, a research institute, a hotel, and businesses. As of now, at least 13 people were killed in this strike. More than 90 others were injured.

Overnight, five people were wounded in the Kharkiv region, including a child, and two more in the Kyiv region, where civilian infrastructure was also targeted. This night Russia also struck the Sumy, Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, and Cherkasy regions.

In total, Moscow launched more than 70 missiles of various types against Ukraine overnight, nearly half of them ballistic ones along with almost 500 attack drones, including jet-powered "Shaheds".

As Minister Sybiha stated, "...Putin can only wage a vile and terroristic war against civilians, women and children. Because in his war against Ukraine's Defense Forces he cannot achieve a single result. Such strikes are grave war crimes... We demand strong international responses. Not only words of condemnation but concrete action to stop Russian terror".

Mr Chairperson,

Last week alone, the Russian Federation launched approximately 1,400 attack drones, nearly 1,500 guided aerial bombs, and 19 missiles against Ukraine. Regions such as Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, and Sumy have remained under almost constant daily attacks.

Such barbaric strikes further increase civilian casualties, contributing to a troubling trend of a steadily rising number of civilian casualties, which has been recorded by UN monitors for several months in a row.

Notably, the overwhelming majority of Russian strikes are directed not at military or defence facilities, but at civilian targets, including critical infrastructure, transport networks, and educational and healthcare facilities.

The latter is particularly alarming, as sustained attacks that deprive people of access to medical services have a severe and disproportionate impact on civilians, especially the most vulnerable, including older people, persons with disabilities, and children. The facts speak for themselves. According to Ukraine's Ministry of Health, since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion, at least 2,617 healthcare facilities have been attacked, 331 of which have been completely destroyed.

Since the beginning of this year alone, the World Health Organization's Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care has documented 300 attacks on medical facilities and personnel in Ukraine. As verified by the WHO, these attacks have caused as many as 15 deaths and 116 injuries.

These inhumane tactics of the aggressor must not be normalised.

Mr Chairperson,

The situation in Ukraine's temporarily occupied territories remains equally deeply alarming. We have already drawn the Permanent Council's attention to the dire humanitarian situation in the frontline-adjacent areas of the occupied Kherson region. Regrettably, conditions there continue to deteriorate.

As Danielle Bell, Head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, summarised recently: "People can't get out, food can't get in, and sick and injured are not getting the medical assistance they need."

The abuses committed by the Russian occupation authorities are also documented by independent human rights organisations. The latest reports by Human Rights Watch, for example, provide extensive evidence of how the occupation authorities are coercing residents into surrendering their homes and property through intimidation, administrative pressure, and the cynical manipulation of legislation.

Even humanitarian workers continue to be targets of Russian attacks. Last week, two humanitarian workers from the Norwegian People's Aid organisation were killed and, four others injured in a Russian strike while carrying out a purely humanitarian demining mission in the Kherson region.

This tragic incident once again demonstrated Russia's blatant disregard for international law, humanitarian personnel, and, ultimately, human life itself.

Mr Chairperson,

Russia's escalating campaign of terror against civilians and its brutal conduct in Ukraine's temporarily occupied territories are clear manifestations of the Kremlin's growing desperation.

Russia has failed to achieve any of its strategic objectives. It has failed to destroy Ukrainian statehood, as it has failed to break the Ukrainian people's resolve to resist.

As President Zelenskyy noted on 28 June in his address marking the Day of the Constitution of Ukraine, since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the Russian military has set no fewer than 15 deadlines for capturing the entire Donetsk region.

Not one has been met. That fact alone speaks volumes about the failure of Russia's military campaign.

Instead of the Blitzkrieg it expected, the Kremlin has trapped itself in a protracted war that has already cost Russia almost 1.5 million casualties. Meanwhile, Ukraine continues to successfully strike targets that sustain Russia's war machine, including weapon-production facilities and oil infrastructure.

The Kremlin may try to conceal the scale of these losses, but it cannot escape the consequences of its own illegal aggression. Sanctions against Russia, and against all those enabling its war of aggression, must be further strengthened, loopholes must be closed, and enforcement must be ensured.

Because it is only sustained pressure that can compel Russia to end its war of aggression. Every measure that strengthens Ukraine, and raises the cost of Russian aggression, brings us closer to a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.