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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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Mr Chairperson,

Just four days after Russia's devastating strike on Kyiv on the night of 1–2 July, which claimed the lives of 31 people and injured 102 others, the Russian Federation launched yet another deliberate and brutal assault on Ukraine.

This time, the bombardment was carried out during the night from Sunday to Monday, again with Kyiv as the primary target. In a single, coordinated attack, the Russian Federation launched 351 UAVs and 68 cruise and ballistic missiles.

According to the information of the Air Force of Ukraine, 326 aerial targets were intercepted. However, the remaining drones and missiles struck residential buildings, critical infrastructure, and other civilian sites.

Allow me to share testimony collected by the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine from a woman whose home was damaged by a nearby explosion on that night: "I heard this sound, like wind, and that's all I recall. The next thing I remember, I saw my husband lying in bed, covered in shattered glass. Only then did I realise that my own arm was fractured."

The scale of the destruction and the human toll of that attack was staggering. The State Emergency Service of Ukraine reported 19 civilians killed and 61 injured. In one district of Kyiv, the entire family of three was killed in their home. The rescuers recovered the bodies from beneath the rubble: a mother, a father, and their child.

The severe intensification of Russian strikes has already made July one of the deadliest months since the start of the full-scale invasion. During just the first seven days of this month, Russia killed at least 93 people across Ukraine. More than 500 others have been injured by Russian missiles and drones.

In a single moment, families, friends, and neighbours lost their loved ones. For many of the survivors, their injuries will have lifelong consequences.

Excellencies,

Despite overwhelming evidence demonstrating the deliberate nature of these attacks, Moscow continues to claim that it targets only military objectives.

At the previous Permanent Council meeting, the Russian delegation attempted to convince participating States that the large-scale attack carried out on the night of 1–2 July was directed exclusively against military targets.

The hypocrisy that stands behind such claims is mind-boggling. While the Russian representative in this room was reciting a long list of alleged military targets, cynically concealing the civilian sites, a group of 70 heads of diplomatic missions and international organisations accredited to Ukraine were visiting the site of a Russian missile strike that had destroyed a residential building. With their own eyes they saw the consequences of Russian actions. And this was just one of 30 locations hit across Kyiv that night.

Let us be clear: Russian forces are intensifying their campaign of deliberate and unrestricted terror against the civilian population in an attempt to compensate for their lack of meaningful progress on the battlefield.

The aggressor continues to perform poorly on the ground while sustaining extremely high casualties, with more than 30,000 personnel killed or wounded every month. According to a recent expert assessment, Russia's casualty rate now exceeds by more than nine times the combined Soviet and Russian military fatalities in all wars fought since the end of the Second World War.

Moreover, Ukraine's deep strikes have already significantly disrupted Russian logistics and supply chains. It is particularly telling that even the Russian leadership has been forced to acknowledge that these Ukrainian operations have had serious consequences.

Mr Chairperson,

Here in the Permanent Council, we often reiterate that Russia's grave violations of international humanitarian law must never be normalised.

Medieval barbarism, a complete disregard for international law, and contempt for fundamental humanitarian principles can neither be accepted nor tolerated. But those words must be translated into real actions. As Minister Sybiha said recently: "A regime that bombs children understands only one language – strength. Ukraine needs more of it. Russia must face much more of it."

Indeed, Russia must face stronger sanctions, deeper isolation, and sustained pressure until terror is no longer a viable instrument of its policy. Every wave of bombardment against civilians must be met with new packages of defence assistance to Ukraine that urgently needs additional air defence systems and interceptors.

This is the only way to compel Russia to end this war and restore peace in Europe.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.