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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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Agenda Item 1, "The Russian Federation's ongoing aggression against Ukraine"

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Mr Chairperson,

For months, Ukraine has been sounding the alarm about Oleshky on every possible platform, including here, at the OSCE. We urged our partners, international organisations, and religious leaders to act.

Thanks to sustained international pressure and the efforts of Pope Leo XIV and US First Lady Melania Trump, a ceasefire was secured from 27 October to 1 November, allowing a humanitarian operation to take place in Oleshky. The operation was successful, and those evacuated from Oleshky have now returned to Ukraine.

As for the next steps, Ukraine has made its position very clear: we are ready to build on this ceasefire. As Foreign Minister Sybiha said: "If hostilities can be stopped in one place, they can be stopped everywhere, and permanently."

Yet the Kremlin's spokesperson has ruled out any further steps building on this case. Rather than using this opportunity to advance de-escalation, Russia appears to have agreed to the ceasefire for propaganda purposes and to regroup its forces in temporarily occupied territory.

There should be no illusions. Moscow is not only rejecting the possibility of a ceasefire expanding, it is intensifying its terror against civilians.

This Monday, the world was horrified by yet another attack, this time on the village of Komyshuvakha in the Zaporizhzhia region. The strikes targeted a school being used for humanitarian purposes, where people had gathered to receive humanitarian aid. Following the first strike, Russian forces launched a double-tap attack, dropping nine more bombs specifically on the shelter where people had taken cover. In total, 40 people, including rescuers and police officers, were killed.

This horrific attack was followed by another massive assault. Overnight, the aggressor launched a large-scale attack targeting primarily our critical infrastructure. Its main targets were energy facilities, including power generation plants and substations, across the Odesa, Cherkasy, Zhytomyr, Vinnytsia, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, Chernihiv, and Rivne regions. At least 13 energy facilities across nine regions of Ukraine were hit in Russia's massive overnight drone and missile attack.

In Kharkiv, Russian forces also directly struck a municipal clinical hospital, injuring 73 people. The cardiology department, where patients were receiving treatment, was damaged.

Esteemed colleagues,

Neither on the battlefield nor in its foreign policy does Moscow demonstrate any intention of ending this war. On the contrary, it keeps sending one signal after another, dismissing and mocking every genuine peace proposal.

The aggressor`s message is clear: it is ready to fight at any cost, but refuses to acknowledge that its decision to invade Ukraine was wrong.

Russia's recent withdrawal from the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and its disengagement from the CPT, is yet another clear illustration of Moscow's determination to undermine the international order.

We see this withdrawal from such an important international mechanism as a self-indictment by the Russian Federation. At the same time, it is part of a broader pattern of disengagement from human rights institutions, restrictions on independent oversight, and the weakening of international mechanisms designed to hold Russian authorities accountable.

The situation on the battlefield is no less telling. Total disregard for the lives of its own soldiers remains a hallmark of Russia's brutal war of choice.

In October, aggressor's monthly personnel losses reached a record 54,400 troops killed or seriously wounded. This is the highest monthly figure since the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

On 1 November, the Ukrainian Defence Forces neutralised 2,500 Russian troops. This was the highest number of Russian casualties recorded in a single day since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. The previous record had been set just days earlier, on 21 October, when 2,250 soldiers were killed or wounded in action.

Needless to say, these staggering losses have brought Russia virtually nothing. In October, Ukraine's Defence Forces liberated 100 square kilometres of territory - more than the occupation forces managed to capture during the same period.

Mr Chairperson,

In just one month, the Russian Federation sustained more battlefield casualties than the total number of personnel in the armed forces of some participating States. Yet Russia continues to pursue its aggression.

This must stop, and Moscow must change its course. A resolution requires all parties involved in the process to demonstrate goodwill and act responsibly, in accordance with international law.

We expect the trilateral meeting involving Ukraine, the United States, and Russia, scheduled to resume next week in Abu Dhabi, to deliver tangible results and pave the way towards a resolution.

As President Zelenskyy recently stated, peace must be dignified – only then can it be lasting. This remains one of our key principles.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.