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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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Mr Chairperson,

The events of the past week clearly demonstrate that, despite its statements about an alleged readiness for a politico-diplomatic resolution, Russia’s true intention remains unchanged - the continuation of its war.

While Ukraine and its partners seek ways to stop the bloodshed and begin meaningful dialogue within a diplomatic track, Russia continues only its campaign of terror. The facts speak for themselves.

Last week, the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, proposed a full ceasefire beginning at midnight on 6 May. Ukraine was prepared to ensure complete silence, but Russia responded only with new strikes and further threats.

Ukraine also agreed to a three-day ceasefire for 9–11 May, announced following a statement by US President Trump. Regrettably, once again, Russia answered with assaults and drone strikes. Even agreed 1000-for-1000 prisoners of war exchange still has not happened due to delays from the Russian side.

In total, during the week of 4–11 May, Russia launched approximately 600 attack drones and 16 ballistic missiles against Ukraine’s cities and communities. During this period, at least 41 civilians were killed, and 206 civilians were injured.

Nevertheless, Ukraine continued its efforts and proposed extending the partial ceasefire beyond 11 May. In response, the very next day, on 12 May, Russia launched more than 200 drones against Ukraine, targeting civilian infrastructure, including a kindergarten. That attack killed at least one person and injured at least six others.

On 13 May, Russian forces launched more than 700 drones targeting the western regions of Ukraine. This morning, Russia carried out another large-scale strike, primarily targeting Kyiv and the surrounding region, using 56 missiles and 675 drones. Numerous residential buildings and civilian infrastructure facilities were damaged or severely destroyed. According to the latest information, one person was killed and 32 others, including a newborn child, were injured. A further seven people were injured in the Kyiv region.

Mr Chairperson,

As Moscow continues to reject the settlement efforts, the situation in many parts of Ukraine, particularly in the temporarily occupied territories, remains dire.

For instance, in the Oleshky community of the Kherson region, due to ongoing hostilities, widespread mining, and restrictive measures imposed by Russian forces on the local population, the situation is now on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe.

Local residents are being deliberately left without food, medicine, water, and electricity supplies. In the recent weeks, three persons were killed and three were wounded.

Most settlements in the area are effectively blocked. Residents travelling by private transport are subjected to filtration measures. Occupation forces deliberately deny access to vehicles carrying essential supplies. There have also been documented cases of people being denied permission to evacuate following inspections of their mobile phones.

The situation in the Oleshky community is not isolated. Many areas, particularly those located along the frontline, are experiencing extremely harsh conditions as a result of Russia's war of aggression.

This is a direct consequence not only of Putin's repeated rejection of peace efforts, but also of the very nature of this war, which is aimed at eliminating Ukraine as an independent and sovereign nation.

This strategy of annihilation targets all aspects of Ukrainian statehood and all categories of civilians – first and foremost, children, whose fate remains a matter of particular concern.

The importance of protecting children was especially underlined at the recent high-level meeting of the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children, jointly co-organised by the EU, Ukraine, and Canada in Brussels on 11 May. As Ukraine's Foreign Minister, Andrii Sybiha, stressed, the return of Ukrainian children must be an integral part of any peace process.

Ukraine welcomes the new members, Switzerland and Cyprus, which have joined the Coalition, now comprising almost 50 states. We highly appreciate the announcement of additional financial assistance aimed at protecting Ukrainian children by the EU, Lithuania, Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Poland.

We also welcome the rehabilitation programmes for affected children announced by Slovenia, Croatia, and Georgia. Furthermore, we welcome the additional sanctions and other restrictive measures against Russia for its crimes, which were announced at the meeting.

All these actions represent movement in the right direction. Additional restrictive measures, politico-diplomatic pressure, as well as Ukraine's deep-strike "sanctions", will continue until the Kremlin is left with no other choice but to accept the peace process. Moscow must engage itself in negotiations based on the principles of the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.