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Mr Chairperson,

At the outset, allow me once again to express our gratitude to the Swiss OSCE Chairpersonship and the Georgian FSC Chairpersonship for convening earlier this week a joint PC-FSC meeting to address the recent air strikes carried out by the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

Ukraine deeply appreciates all the messages of support expressed during the meeting and highly values solidarity of many participating States that took part in the discussion. This clearly shows that neither Russia’s attempts to break Ukraine’s determination to defend itself, nor Moscow’s attempts to blackmail the international community, will succeed.

Regrettably, Moscow has once again ignored the calls for peace from the international community and has continued to step up its war efforts. Shortly after the large-scale strike on Kyiv, that was discussed at the recent PC-FSC, Russia launched another wave of attacks.

On 25 May, when a Russian Iskander missile struck a World Food Programme warehouse in the city of Dnipro. The warehouse held enough food aid to support 130,000 people living near the front line, with an estimated value of around USD 1.4 million.

Let us not forget that it was not the first such incident, but yet another manifestation of a wider pattern in which Russian forces deliberately target international missions, their, vehicles, and storage sites for humanitarian assistance.

Over the past 18 months, the World Food Programme has already recorded more than 84 incidents affecting its warehouses, vehicles, aid delivery points, and the assets of its local partners across Ukraine.

The same strike against Dnipro also hit several civilian sites and homes. As a result of the attack, four people were injured, and a local school was damaged. Thankfully, all the children were in a shelter at the time of the strike.

Mr Chairperson,

The damage to the school building in Dnipro is especially significant and symbolic when we recall the date of the attack - 25 May – the International Missing Children’s Day.

This day is a clear reminder of one of the most serious crimes committed by the Russian Federation in the course of its aggression against Ukraine: the deportation and forced transfer of Ukrainian children.

As of May this year, 20,570 cases involving the deportation and forced transfer of Ukrainian children have already been officially confirmed. These illegally transferred Ukrainian children are subjected to systematic efforts to erase their identity, spread Russian propaganda, impose Russian citizenship, change their personal records, and carry out other practices aimed at destroying their national identity. Thousands of children have suffered war trauma, with severe psychological effects that may last for many years.

These children must not be forgotten. The international community must take all possible measures to ensure that all children illegally taken by Russia from Ukraine are returned home, and are not held in a foreign country as hostages, where they are exposed to propaganda and pressured to abandon their identity.

Mr Chairperson,

Russia’s strikes against Ukraine also expose the gap between Moscow’s claims that its so-called “special military operation” is going according to plan.

The only area where the Russian army claims so-called “success” is in its attacks on civilians. In all other areas, the reality is very different.

Every day, the Defence Forces of Ukraine continue to strike Russian military targets and hold the line in defence of our country. Ukraine’s long-range strike ability continues to reach military targets across almost the entire territory of the Russian Federation. In reality, Moscow is increasingly unable to protect its own territory.

On the battlefield, the Russian army continues to suffer heavy losses. Just yesterday, Russian forces lost another 1,000 soldiers. In total, Russian military losses have now reached the staggering figure of 1.36 million personnel - a number that, not long ago, most states would have considered completely unacceptable.

The same applies to Russia’s territorial claims. Since the beginning of the year, Ukraine has freed 590 square kilometres of territory from Russian occupation. Any gains made by Russian forces have come at an extremely high and unsustainable cost.

These facts show the growing gap between Kremlin claims and the reality on the ground. Russia’s continued use of terror against civilians only further isolates it internationally and strengthens the need for continued support for Ukraine and accountability for Russian aggression. While Russia relies on fear and destruction, Ukraine continues to show strength, resilience, and determination.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.