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Remarks by the Secretary General

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Just last week, I expressed my deep concern about the continued dangerous escalation of the war in Ukraine. We keep seeing intensified, large-scale attacks, also affecting critical infrastructure, and continuing to inflict immense human suffering on civilian population. We are also increasingly seeing impact beyond Ukraine.

These developments are deeply alarming. They increase the risks of further escalation, miscalculation, and wider instability. They pose a serious threat to European and global security. Recent developments only underscore the urgent need for de-escalation and restraint by all.

Distinguished delegates,

At moments like these, diplomacy remains our most powerful tool to reduce tensions, to manage risks in the context of mistrust, and to create conditions for the parties to reach a negotiated settlement to end the war.

Diplomacy cannot be undermined. It cannot be put at risk or under threat, at any time. Because that would serve no one's security. Diplomacy and open channels are the foundation for peaceful coexistence. A tool to leverage, to bring this war to an end. Not to trigger further escalation.

I thank you.