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Mr Chairperson,

Russia’s relentless war of aggression, marked by its blatant disregard for the rules and principles of warfare, continues to inflict devastating consequences on Ukrainians, particularly the most vulnerable group: civilians. Despite the international community’s efforts to stop the bloodshed, the humanitarian cost of Russia’s aggression keeps rising at an intolerable pace.

On Sunday, 28 September, during an attack on Ukraine, the aggressor launched 600 drones and 50 missiles across the entire country. The consequences were appalling. In Kyiv alone, four people, including a 12-year-old girl, lost their lives. At the Institute of Cardiology, one of Ukraine’s leading medical institutions, a nurse and a patient were killed. In total, 70 people across Ukraine were killed or injured. Moreover, once again, foreign diplomatic missions were targeted, including the EU Mission and the Consular Section of the Polish Embassy in Ukraine, both of which sustained damage.

Another appalling strike followed on 30 September, when a Russian drone attack in the north-eastern Sumy region destroyed two residential buildings, killing an entire family – a married couple and their two young sons. According to local authorities, nine civilians were killed and 15 others injured in the region.

On the same day, a Russian strike on the city of Dnipro wounded 31 people, one of whom later died in the hospital. The attack caused widespread destruction across the city, including damage to residential buildings as well as to medical and educational institutions.

Distinguished colleagues,

Russia's responsibility for the campaign of terror against Ukraine is undeniable and thoroughly documented. Last week's presentation of the Moscow Mechanism report is just one example of how the international community continues to keep a close eye on Russian violations.

Yet Moscow continues to reject accountability, working tirelessly to divert international attention from its crimes. Let us be clear: such attempts will not succeed.

Recent high-level political events – where Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the global consequences of its illegal actions were central topics – demonstrate this beyond doubt. Allow me to recall just some of them.

On 24 September, states highlighted the importance of maintaining momentum in securing progress on accountability and justice at the fourth annual High-Level Side Event on Accountability for Ukraine, held on the margins of the UN General Assembly.

On the same day, the foreign ministers of Ukraine, Australia, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Malaysia convened the Joint Investigation Team on the downing of Flight MH17 to discuss further steps towards holding those responsible to account.

On 25 September, Ukraine's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Andrii Sybiha, participated in the G20 Ministerial Meeting in New York to brief participants on the recent escalation of Russia's war.

Already this week, at the Warsaw Security Forum, Russia's ongoing war of aggression and the threats it poses to the European security architecture were among the key topics.

Regrettably, Moscow shows, time and again, that it has no interest in meaningful dialogue or in ending the war. On the contrary, it persists in its aggression, consolidates anti-democratic forces, and deepens its isolation from the international community. The current trajectory of Moscow's foreign and domestic policy only underscores its retreat from democratic standards.

First, Russia has withdrawn from the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture. This withdrawal not only acknowledges the abusive practices it routinely employs but also places it firmly among regimes where human life and dignity mean nothing.

Other troubling developments include legislation granting the Federal Security Service (FSB) control over scientific research involving foreign scholars, as well as amendments to conscription rules. Following the unprecedented spring draft of 160,000 conscripts, Russia now plans to enlist a further 135,000 this autumn.

Indeed, today's Russia is a territory of lawlessness and contempt for human dignity. Regrettably, Moscow seeks to expand this territory through the most uncivilised means: war, military provocations, disinformation, cyberattacks, and terror. This is, in fact, not just a war against Ukraine but a global war that Russia wages against the entire international community.

Mr Chairperson,

On 29-30 September, Ukraine marked the anniversary of one of Europe's darkest tragedies. In 1941, at Babyn Yar in Kyiv, nearly 34,000 people – men, women, children, and the elderly – were murdered by the Nazis in just two days. Over the following two years, more than 100,000 people were killed there: Jews, Ukrainians, Roma, prisoners of war, and civilian hostages.

This year, for the fourth time, we commemorated these tragic events amid Russia's ongoing full-scale invasion. Once again, atrocities are being committed on Ukrainian soil: mass killings of civilians, large-scale deportations of children, torture, and the destruction of civilian infrastructure and cultural heritage.

When reflecting on the horrors of the Second World War, many of us repeat the slogan "never again". The Kremlin, however, has twisted this into "we can repeat it", insulting the memory of all who sacrificed their lives for a better future and openly declaring its readiness to reshape the world at any cost.

Russia's strategy of terror is unacceptable and unjustifiable. Ukraine reiterates its call on all states to take every possible measure to stop Russia's reckless behaviour – including by strengthening political and sanctions pressure, targeting oil revenues, and disrupting arms production. Only strong and coordinated pressure on the aggressor can compel it to abandon its plans and return to the principles of international law.

To conclude, allow me to quote Ukraine's Foreign Minister, Andrii Sybiha, who recently stated at the Warsaw Security Forum: "It is time to acknowledge that Russia is waging a hybrid war against all of us – against the entire transatlantic community. Europe and the United States are not fighting against Russia; Russia is fighting against Europe and the United States."

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.