



Permanent Mission of Ukraine
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Statement in response to the statement by the Permanent Mission of the russian federation

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Madam Chairperson,

The Ukrainian delegation would like to exercise its right of reply.

Unfortunately, the russian representatives continue denying their responsibility for the attack on the Okhmatdyt hospital.

However, it seems that russia is lost in its own lies.

We all remember how during the last PC meeting the russian representative was so eager to tell us that they had all technical data proving that it was a Ukrainian air-defence missile that hit the Children's Hospital.

However, their own minister, minister lavrov does not know this version. He has completely different version.

According to him, I quote, "Recently, when we attacked Ukraine's military and military-related energy infrastructure, one of the missiles was shot down by a Ukrainian air defence system located in violation of international humanitarian law among residential and social facilities. Its debris fell on the children's hospital "Okhmatdyt" in Kyiv.

This version was given by the russian minister at the press conference at the UN on July 17.

So, it would be better for the russians to check their lies.

However, it would be even better, if they would finally return to common sense, stop their atrocities in Ukraine, and end this senseless war of aggression by withdrawing their troops from Ukraine.

I thank you, Madam Chairperson.