



United States Mission to the OSCE

The Russian Federation's Ongoing Aggression Against Ukraine

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Nearly three years since Russia launched its full-scale war against Ukraine, it continues to attack civilian targets and infrastructure across Ukraine, causing death and destruction.

Russia's forces conducted a large-scale series of drone and missile strikes against Ukraine on the night of January 31st to February 1st. Ukraine prevented a number of Russia's drones and missiles from reaching their targets, but a Russian strike hit a residential building in Poltava City. Russia continued attacks on February 4th and 5th, killing and wounding dozens more civilians in multiple Ukrainian regions – Kherson, Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Zaporizhzhia. And on February 11th, Russia launched yet another aerial assault on Ukraine, reportedly killing one and injuring four others.

This death and destruction is why Russia's war must stop, and it must stop now. As President Zelenskyy said, "Every day, Russia attacks Ukraine with drones, missiles, and aerial bombs. This week alone, there have been hundreds of strikes on our cities and communities – nearly 50 missiles, around 660 attack drones, and more than 760 guided aerial bombs launched by the enemy against our people. Russia will not stop on its own. The world must force it to end this brutal and unprovoked aggression."

President Trump has been clear: the war in Ukraine must end. The United States will use our leverage, influence, and national power to advance a sustainable resolution. Peace is in the interest of the United States, its Allies and partners, Ukraine, and Russia itself. This conflict is unsustainable for both Russia and Ukraine.

Mr. Chair, this war was a strategic error for Russia; the easy way out is through negotiations. The hard way will see Russia incur greater and escalating costs to its economy and its military. The United States is prepared for both options. We are going to do everything possible to help the war end in a way that's just, sustainable, and halts the killing and destruction.

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