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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE  
ON RUSSIA'S WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE**

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Mr Chairperson,

On behalf of the Delegation of Ukraine, allow me to deliver a statement on the subject of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

This Monday, 15 July, Ukraine celebrated the Day of Statehood. As in the past two years, this day dedicated to the long story of Ukrainian statehood was overshadowed by the ongoing Russian attempt to destroy my country as a sovereign state in the most terrible way possible – by waging a war of annihilation.

Nothing illustrates this war better than the attack on 8 July, one of the bloodiest days in recent months, when 51 people, including 8 children, were killed and 172, including 21 children, were wounded as a result of a massive missile strike by the Russian Federation. The entire world was deeply shocked by the images from the sites of the missile attack, including the destroyed children's hospital "Okhmatdyt" in Kyiv. No less cynical was Russia's attempt to deny responsibility, claiming that it is Ukraine that is killing its citizens.

The horrific attack on 8 July was not an isolated incident, but yet another example of the Russian Federation targeting civilian objects in Ukraine during its war of aggression.

Allow me to highlight a few recent strikes conducted by the Russian army, using just one small town in the Donetsk region, called Myrnohrad, as an example:

On 11 July, five guided aerial bombs were dropped on a town's residential area, killing a 15-year-old boy and wounding 13 people.

The next day, 12 July, another Russian strike killed four people. Nine more were wounded.

On 14 July, a Russian air attack destroyed a five-storey apartment building, claiming the lives of three civilians and injuring seven others.

Remarkably, not a single military target was hit. So, what was destroyed? As in dozens of previous cases, the Russian military can only claim "success" in hitting a school, a kindergarten, a bus stop and numerous residential buildings, as well as causing the deaths and injuries of dozens of civilians.

Esteemed colleagues,

The current situation on the frontline starkly demonstrates the Russian military strategy, which can be described as "razing everything to the ground to ensure advance at any price."

The numbers speak for themselves: to seize just one town district in Chasiv Yar in the Donetsk region, Russian forces lost up to 5,000 soldiers. Units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine were compelled to retreat from this area only after every building had been totally destroyed.

According to independent researchers, in 2024, the Russian armed forces lost one soldier for every four square metres of Ukrainian land.

Given this strategy, the situation around nuclear facilities remains particularly alarming. Following its terrorist nature, Moscow continues its nuclear blackmail using the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, which is occupied by Russian troops.

The Russian Federation has a history of creating large-scale man-made disasters, and there is no guarantee that the Kremlin won't escalate its actions involving nuclear facilities.

In this regard, we cannot but mention the recent adoption by the UN General Assembly of the resolution titled "Safety and Security of Nuclear Facilities of Ukraine, including the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant."

This document not only demands that the Russian Federation cease its war of aggression, which is being waged in violation of the UN Charter, but also sends an important message that the UN General Assembly reaffirms its support for the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

This resolution has become a logical continuation of the discussions at the First Peace Summit in June this year. The fact that only nine member states voted against the resolution underscores that the world remains united in upholding the universal principles of international

law and dispels the Russian myth of alleged widespread international support for its aggressive actions.

Mr Chairperson,

The free world maintains absolute political, economic and military superiority over the Russian Federation and the few pariah states that continue to support it. This overwhelming advantage must be fully used to counteract and ultimately defeat the aggressor state.

This is not just about supporting Ukraine; this is about upholding international norms and preventing a precedent where might makes right. Only by leveraging our collective political, economic and military strengths can we ensure that justice prevails and that peace and stability are maintained around the world.

Ukraine did not choose this war. However, we have no choice but to fight to protect our territory from destruction and our people from extermination. We are grateful to all international partners who contribute to enhancing the capabilities of the Ukrainian Defence Forces and assist us in the ongoing fight against aggression. As intense fighting continues, strong political support and continued military assistance are more critical than ever.

We welcome the outcomes of the NATO Washington Summit held in the United States on 9-11 July and appreciate the strong support and solidarity from the Allies. Ukraine has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to Euro-Atlantic values and readiness to defend them. We firmly believe that a sovereign Ukraine today is a guarantee of stability and peace in Europe, underpinned by international law.

On the contrary, the Russian Federation has demonstrated its disregard for international norms. This most sanctioned country in the world, led by people wanted by international justice, has only demonstrated a willingness to continue hostilities and send hundreds of thousands into a senseless war.

The outcome of Russia's war against Ukraine will shape the future security framework of the European continent for the next decades. It is in the interests of all peace-loving states to demonstrate that forced territorial gains and insane imperial ambitions have no place in our world.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.