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

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Mme. Chairperson,

I would like to deliver a statement on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

Every day, **Ukrainian forces confront brutal Russian attacks** and hold the line against an enemy that enjoys overwhelming numerical superiority.

In January 2026, the Ukrainian Armed Forces delivered some of the heaviest blows to Russian forces in recent months. According to reports, the enemy suffered over 31,700 personnel losses – roughly equivalent to the strength of nearly three full divisions.

Ukrainian defenders also destroyed 137 tanks (more than 4 tank battalions), 1,099 artillery systems, 45 multiple launch rocket systems, and 24 air defense systems.

These figures highlight the intense pressure inflicted on Russian reserves and equipment during the month.

Russia hypocritically accuses Western partners of enabling Ukraine's legitimate self-defense while simultaneously exploiting Western technology – in particular Starlink satellite terminals – to enhance its own attacks on Ukrainian cities and civilians.

In late January 2026, evidence emerged of Russian forces illegally mounting Starlink terminals on long-range strike drones. This allowed real-time control from deep inside Russia, bypassed Ukrainian electronic warfare jamming, enabled low-altitude flights to evade radar, and

extended drone ranges dramatically – threatening not just frontline areas but deep rear targets, including civilian infrastructure and even potentially parts of neighboring NATO countries.

Ukraine suffered from hundreds of such attacks, describing them as modern terrorism enabled by peaceful communication technology.

The response was swift and decisive: within hours of reports that Starlink-equipped Russian drones were operating over Ukrainian cities, Ukraine's Ministry of Defense together with SpaceX quickly developed and implemented technical countermeasures to disrupt this unauthorized use. Ukraine and SpaceX are now advancing to a broader verification system, requiring registration of all Starlink terminals in Ukraine – only verified devices will remain operational, while unverified ones (including any illicitly obtained by Russia) will be disconnected.

This collaboration underscores effective allied action to neutralize Russia's cynical misuse of advanced technology and protect Ukrainian lives and infrastructure from evolving aerial threats.

Western technologies must continue to help the democratic world and protect the civilian population, rather than being used to terrorize and destroy peaceful cities.

But Russia has continued its campaign of terror against Ukraine's civilian population and critical infrastructure, once again demonstrating a blatant disregard for international law and for the principles enshrined in the OSCE's foundational documents.

In January alone, **Russia launched more than 6 000 attack drones, around 5 500 guided aerial bombs, and 158 missiles of various types against Ukraine.** Virtually all of these strikes **targeted the energy sector, the railways, and other infrastructure** that sustains normal life.

On **1 February**, Russian forces implemented a **targeted strike on a passenger bus carrying mine workers in Dnipro region. At least 15 people were killed and more than a dozen were injured as a result of the attack.**

On the **same day, Russia attacked a maternity hospital in Zaporizhzhia.** Russian strike drones hit the hospital during the day, **injuring at least 6 people.** Among the injured were women who were at the facility for medical examinations at the time.

On the night of February 2–3, 2026 – hours following the expiration of a brief, U.S.-brokered "energy ceasefire" that had paused targeted strikes on critical infrastructure – **Russia**

launched the most powerful and devastating combined aerial assaults of this year against energy sector of Ukraine. It targeted Ukraine's vulnerable power grid at the height of subzero conditions, exacerbating civilian hardship and underscoring Moscow's apparent disregard for humanitarian considerations ahead of upcoming trilateral peace talks.

In total, the Air Forces of Ukraine recorded 521 air attack weapons:

- 4 Zircon/Onyx missiles (the launch area is temporarily occupied Crimea);
- 32 Iskander-M/S-300 ballistic missiles (the launch areas are the Bryansk region of the Russian Federation and temporarily occupied Crimea);
- 7 Kh-22 / Kh-32 cruise missiles (the launch area is the Bryansk region);
- 28 Kh-101 / Iskander-K cruise missiles (launched from the Caspian Sea and Kursk region of the Russian Federation);
- 450 Shahed, Gerbera, Italmas, and other types of UCAVs (launched from Bryansk, Kursk, Orel, Shatalovo, Millerovo, Primorsko-Akhtarsk). Approximately 300 of them were Shahed-type UAVs.

The situation in the energy system remains difficult. Ukrainian repair crews are doing their best to restore all services as quickly as possible. Despite all efforts **hundreds of residential buildings in Kyiv remain without heating at a time when temperature has dropped to 15 - 20 degrees below zero.**

These relentless attacks form part of Russia's long-standing and deliberate pattern of war crimes – systematic strikes on civilian infrastructure, energy grids, and population centers, especially during extreme winter conditions – solidifying its designation as a terrorist state in the eyes of Ukraine and many international partners.

All terrorist entities, regardless of origin or affiliation, merit the same unequivocal condemnation and decisive response from the global community.

In alignment with the European Union's recent agreement to designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps – a key pillar of the Iranian regime – as a terrorist organization, Ukraine has already formalized this step on January 30, 2026, placing the IRGC on official list of terrorist groups.

Ukraine will never forget the thousands of Iranian-designed Shahed drones supplied through this regime's support to Russia's war machine. These weapons continue to terrorize

Ukrainian cities, villages, and civilians, and accountability for every such attack remains a firm commitment.

We are also grateful to the European Union for finalizing the 20th package of sanctions against Russia. We expect it to be adopted by the end of February.

Ukraine urges all OSCE participating States to go beyond expressions of concern and to tighten sanctions, isolate the aggressor, reinforce Ukraine's air defence and support accountability mechanisms. Anything less will be interpreted by Moscow as permission to continue its terror.

We are all aware of **the further trilateral meetings taking place today and tomorrow in Abu Dhabi**. The sincere efforts of our American partners to promote de-escalation and create space for meaningful diplomacy amid the ongoing war are much appreciated.

Despite these initiatives Russian forces continue their unprovoked and illegal aggression.

As a result, the urgent need to strengthen and protect our airspace remains unchanged and critical. Robust air defense capabilities – bolstered by timely deliveries of missiles, systems, and allied support – are essential to intercept drones, missiles, and other aerial threats, safeguard civilians, preserve infrastructure, and counter Russia's persistent attempts to terrorize and isolate Ukrainian regions. Without sustained pressure on Moscow and enhanced protection from the sky, true de-escalation will remain elusive.

Ukraine is prepared for a substantive dialogue and is committed to ensuring that the outcomes bring us closer **to a genuine and dignified end of the war**.

I thank you, Mme Chairperson.