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Mr Chairperson,

Every other day, the Russian Federation reports what it portrays as military successes. Yet let us look at the facts.

Indeed, the situation on the front line remains challenging. Still, Ukraine's defence efforts, together with our medium- and long-range strikes, are significantly limiting Russia's ability to wage its unlawful and unjustifiable war of choice. These efforts are helping to halt aggressor`s advances and liberate Ukrainian territory.

Since the beginning of autumn, Ukrainian forces have liberated more territory than Russian forces have captured. This is not an isolated development. It is part of a clear trend that has been evident throughout the year.

Yesterday alone, the aggressor launched nearly 200 attacks against Ukrainian defensive positions. What were the results? 2,250 Russian personnel were killed or wounded in action. This was the biggest daily casualty rate since the start of the war. More than 50 tanks, armoured vehicles, and artillery systems were destroyed.

Ukraine`s Defence Forces also continue to strike military targets and infrastructure supporting enemy's military operations both deep inside Russian territory and in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine.

Over the past week alone, Ukrainian forces struck a range of military targets. These included Russian command posts, numerous materiel and ammunition depots, UAV launch sites, and several radar stations. Among them was the Nebo-U radar, with an estimated value of approximately 100 million US dollars.

Over the same period, Ukraine's strikes, our "long-range sanctions", also reached several facilities belonging to the "Rubicon" centre, military unite which is responsible for numerous UAV attacks against civilian targets. Ukrainian forces also struck industrial facilities inside Russia, which are part of the Russian war machine, including the "Roboavia" company in the Rostov region.

The facts speak for themselves: Moscow`s military campaign was supposed to take one week. But now it has dragged on for 243 consecutive weeks. For almost five years, the reality on the battlefield has repeatedly contradicted the picture painted by the Kremlin`s propaganda.

Esteemed colleagues,

Being unable to brake Ukraine`s military, Russia is increasingly betting what it can do the best – the terror against innocent civilians. Over the past week alone, Moscow has launched more than 2,700 attack drones, 1,700 guided aerial bombs, and 66 missiles of various types against Ukraine. As usual, these means of destruction were targeted not against military targets, but against residential buildings, energy facilities, schools and hospitals

On the night of 13 October, at least three people were killed and 11 injured in Kharkiv. On the same day, 30 people were injured in a Russian attack on an educational institution in Rivne. In Kramatorsk and Sloviansk, in the Donetsk region, one person was killed and 11 injured.

On the night of 14 October, a Russian attack on Kyiv killed five people and injured 36, including a child. In the Dnipropetrovsk region, at least two people were killed and six injured, including a child, while industrial facilities were damaged.

On 14 October, six people were killed and 13 injured in Lutsk, and civilian infrastructure was damaged. Further attacks killed one person and injured four in the settlement of Derhachi in the Kharkiv region, while eight people were injured in the Rivne region.

On the night of 15 October, Russian attacks in the Kirovohrad region killed three people and injured six.

On 17 October, guided aerial bombs struck residential areas in Kherson, killing two people and injuring 44, including two children. On the same day, six people were killed and 15 injured in Sloviansk in the Donetsk region.

On the night of 19 October, a Russian missile and drone attack on Kyiv killed one person and injured at least eight. Residential buildings, a medical facility, an educational institution, and a metro station were damaged.

And the attacks have continued this week. On Monday, Russia struck a park in the Kharkiv region with an attack drone, killing at least six people and injuring 15 others. The youngest victim was a little girl, just one year old. She was killed in her stroller at the scene of the attack. Her mother died later that same day in hospital.

Overnight, in Kyiv, as a result of three waves of ballistic missiles – 11 missiles overall – at least 43 people were injured, including five children. And at least two people confirmed dead. Needless to say, that this happened almost immediately after another wound of peace talks.

Mr Chairperson,

For anyone, this situation should lead to one clear conclusion: this war must be stopped, and this senseless bloodshed must end. For everyone, but not for the Kremlin that is relentlessly intensifying attacks on civilians and energy infrastructure in an attempt to force Ukraine to surrender. But this will never happen.

As majority of participating States reiterate again and again, this war must be brought to an end through diplomatic means. And Ukraine remains open to this path.

Two days ago, in Oslo, following a meeting with the President of Finland, the Prime Minister of Norway, and envoys of the US President, President Zelenskyy made it clear that Ukraine wants peace more than anyone else.

In this vein, we strongly believe that, with sustained support for Ukraine's self-defence, increased pressure on Moscow, and accountability for those who support its aggression, including its fellow authoritarian regimes, the world can bring this senseless war to an end and restore peace in Europe.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.