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The Russian Federation's ongoing aggression against Ukraine

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Monsieur le Président,

La Russie poursuit sa guerre d'agression contre l'Ukraine et continue de contourner des sanctions pour soutenir ses opérations militaires.

Le Canada, aux côtés de ses alliés et partenaires, reste déterminé à accroître la pression sur ceux qui facilitent et soutiennent la machine de guerre russe.

A cette fin, le Canada a ajouté 38 entités et 24 personnes à sa liste de sanctions. Ces sanctions ciblent des éléments de la base industrielle de défense de la Fédération de Russie, notamment des acteurs impliqués dans le développement de la technologie des missiles balistiques et dans les activités cybernétiques. De plus, ces mesures ciblent également les complices financiers, y compris les plateformes d'échange de cryptomonnaies qui contribuent à soutenir l'économie de guerre russe.

Depuis 2014, le Canada aura imposé des sanctions à plus de 3 500 personnes et entités ainsi qu'à plus de 700 navires. Ces sanctions visent les complices et responsables de la violation de la souveraineté et de l'intégrité territoriale de l'Ukraine, ainsi que des droits de la personne en Ukraine.

Mister Chair,

The Russian Federation is responsible for starting this war of aggression and for its devastating consequences. The immense human suffering and civilian casualties, including in Russia, are a direct result of this unilateral decision.

We affirm Ukraine's right of self-defence, as enshrined in Article 51 of the UN Charter. Canada's support, including military assistance and training under Operation UNIFIER, is intended to help Ukraine defend its sovereignty and protect its people, restore its territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders, and strengthen its ability to deter future aggression.

We remain committed to ensuring accountability for the crime of aggression and other violations of international law committed by the Russian Federation, and to supporting relevant international investigative and judicial mechanisms in doing so.

We reaffirm our steadfast support for the security of our Allies subject to the Russian Federation's destabilizing and escalatory actions, including hybrid threats and other malign activities, and reiterate our commitment to collective defence and transatlantic security through NATO, recalling that NATO is a defensive Alliance.