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

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**Madam Chairperson,**

The Russian Federation's campaign of terror, which flagrantly violates the UN Charter and core principles of the Helsinki Final Act, has intensified in recent days with systematic strikes on civilian targets. In particular:

On 22 October, Russian forces launched a drone strike on a kindergarten in Kharkiv, killing one person, injuring seven others, and forcing the evacuation of 48 children who suffered acute stress reactions.

This was part of a broader aerial assault that killed at least six people, including two children, across Ukraine that day – a clear demonstration of Russia's deliberate targeting of vulnerable populations and educational facilities.

That same day, Russian forces bombarded the Korabelnyi district of Kherson with artillery and dropped guided aerial bombs (KABs) on residential areas – destroying apartment buildings, shops, and utility infrastructure, and endangering countless civilians.

On 25 October, a massive Russian aerial assault involving missiles and drones targeted Kyiv, killing at least two people and injuring thirteen others, damaging residential areas and further endangering civilian lives.

Just one day later, on 26 October, Russia unleashed over 100 drones across Ukraine, striking ordinary apartment buildings in several districts of Kyiv and other cities, killing three people and wounding dozens more, including children.

In just the past week alone, Russia has deployed nearly 1,200 attack drones, more than 1,360 guided aerial bombs, and over 50 missiles against Ukraine. These are not isolated incidents but part of a broader pattern of atrocities.

Such actions demand the strongest condemnation and immediate accountability to uphold the principles we all committed to as OSCE participating States.

**Colleagues,**

Almost every Russian strike today combines drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic weapons. Since the beginning of this year alone, Russia has launched around 770 ballistic missiles and more than 50 “Kinzhal” hypersonic missiles against Ukraine.

This is why we attach such importance to strengthening our “Patriot” and other air defence systems – to protect our cities and save lives. No country should face such terror alone. Russia’s ballistic aggression must be met with a collective and coordinated international response – the response of strong nations standing together to defend life.

By the assessments of the Ukrainian Defence Forces, since the beginning of 2025, Russia has lost approximately 346 000 soldiers killed or wounded. This figure roughly equals the total number of troops Russia has mobilized over the same period – meaning that every wave of mobilization has already been wiped out on the battlefield. The majority of these losses have occurred in the Donetsk region, where Russian forces have failed to achieve any of their dedicated strategic objectives despite immense human sacrifice. These staggering numbers reveal not strength, but the depth of Russia’s strategic failure and disregard for its own people.

**Colleagues,**

Last week was marked by a number of productive and valuable meetings between President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the leaders of EU and NATO member states. We are grateful to our partners for the growing support to strengthen our defence cooperation, air defence capabilities, and to reinforce programmes such as PURL and SAFE.

Ukraine also welcomes the 19th package of EU sanctions, targeting the aggressor state’s oil and gas sector, its “shadow fleet”, and its military-industrial complex. For the first time, sanctions were also imposed against crypto-platforms and virtual asset schemes that Russia uses to evade restrictions. We urge other partners to adopt and align with these measures.

We also appreciate the important decision by the United States to impose sanctions on two major Russian oil companies, such as “Rosneft” and “Lukoil”. Pressure on Russian oil is a key tool for ending this war. We call on partners who have not yet done so to join these steps. From our prospective all Russian oil entities – including “Surgutneftegaz”, Putin’s personal oil company – must be sanctioned and blocked.

Despite Russian propaganda claiming that sanctions have no effect, reality speaks otherwise: long fuel queues across the country, regional bankruptcies, and a growing federal budget deficit. It shows us, that sanctions remain one of the most painful and effective measures personally for Putin and his regime.

**Madam Chairperson,**

As reflected in UN General Assembly Resolutions ES-11/1 and ES-11/7, the Russian Federation is an aggressor state – recognised as such by an overwhelming majority of UN member states. This recognition is not symbolic. It is a reflection of how Russia is perceived by the international community – as an aggressor, an occupier, and a violator of the UN Charter. It formed a legal and moral foundation for holding Russia accountable for its crimes of aggression, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

At the same time, what makes this situation even more cynical is that the aggressor state, which launched a brutal invasion against its neighbour, continues to portray itself as a victim.

But, as we all know, those who start wars have no right to complain about their consequences. No one forced Russia to invade Ukraine, to bomb cities, or to kill civilians – these were deliberate choices, made in defiance of every international forum.

At the same time, Russia persistently interferes in the internal affairs of sovereign nations, spreading propaganda and disinformation abroad, while showing no concern for the enormous problems within its own borders. This is a country where millions live below the poverty line, where people are sent to fight not for ideas or values, but simply for money.

Russia’s delegation may continue spreading lies in this Forum, but it cannot alter the truth. Ukraine stands, fights, and endures – defending not only its own people, but also the very principles upon which this Organization was built.

I thank you, Madam Chairperson.