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General Statements –
Russia's War of Aggression Against Ukraine

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Thank you, Madam Chair,

We have briefed this forum several times during the past year on the military and financial support that the United States has been providing to Ukraine as it fights for its survival and sovereignty in the face of the Russian Federation's war of aggression.

As of May 12, the United States has committed more than \$36.9 billion since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion on February 24, 2022. The United States is leveraging two mechanisms to commit a majority of its security assistance to Ukraine. The first is the Presidential drawdown authority or PDA, which takes materiel directly from Department of Defense stocks to transfer to Ukraine. PDA is often used to meet near-term requirements, quickly providing urgently needed security assistance to Ukraine.

The second mechanism is the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, which I discussed in my statement two weeks ago. This funding is appropriated to the Department of Defense by the U.S. Congress for procuring new equipment that can be used both for near-term requirements and for the purpose of strengthening the capacity of Ukraine's Armed Forces to defend its territory and deter Russia's aggression over the long-term. In short, what the United States is providing to Ukraine through this initiative is capability, not just equipment.

On May 9, the U.S. Department of Defense announced a \$1.2 billion package under the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative to commit additional air defense systems and missiles equipment to integrate Western air defense launchers, missiles, and radars with Ukraine's air defense systems. The package also includes counter-drone ammunition, commercial satellite imagery services, and funding for critical maintenance and sustainment activities.

The United States is by no means alone in this effort – we work closely with our Allies and other partners to plan and provide Ukraine with capabilities to meet its immediate battlefield needs and support longer-term effective deterrence capabilities. In air defense, for example, the United States has already committed Patriots, NASAMS, HAWKs, and Avengers. Our Allies and partners have also provided Patriots, NASAMS, and counter-UAS systems, along with others, and we saw this week how effectively Ukraine is putting this assistance to use.

Madam Chair,

We all know through the daily reporting about the type and amount of weapons that Russia has launched against Ukraine to attack its military forces and destroy civilian infrastructure, including critical energy hubs and medical facilities. These attacks launched by Russia's forces are killing and wounding Ukrainian civilians in their homes, in their sleep. The barrage of missiles striking civilian sites hundreds of kilometers from the front lines has been a tragic hallmark of Russia's assault on Ukraine.

The United States and its Allies and partners will continue to provide Ukraine with the materiel, expertise, training, and financial support it needs to defend its people, its territory, and its sovereignty from foreign assault.

We are seeing more and more frequently the success of U.S. and Allied and partner assistance to Ukraine in reports of murderous drone and missile attacks that Ukraine has skillfully thwarted with its new capabilities. Furthermore, Ukraine can count its success in the number of powerplants that are still lighting its cities, the number of hospitals that are still tending to the sick and wounded, and finally, the multitude of schools that are continuing to educate future generations.

Thank you, Madam Chair.