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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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Mr Chairperson,

First of all, allow me to express our gratitude to the Finnish OSCE Chairpersonship for convening this special meeting on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. It is extremely important that the OSCE does not stand aside from the current security developments in Europe, and demonstrates its ability to react in a timely manner.

Regrettably, despite all peace efforts undertaken by the international community to stop the bloodshed and restore the long-awaited peace, the Russian Federation only persists in its war of aggression, further escalating the situation.

The recent massive attack on Ukraine that took place on 7 September clearly illustrates that. In total, in this unprecedented combine attack the Russian side launched 810 UAVs of various types, nine Iskander-K cruise missiles, as well as four Iskander-M and KN-23 ballistic missiles.

Although the majority of air targets were intercepted and destroyed by Ukraine's air defence forces, the remaining drones and missiles hit residential and other civilian infrastructure in the capital and other regions of Ukraine, causing significant damage and, tragically, resulting in new civilian casualties.

It is, in total, more than 40 people across the country. In the city of Kyiv alone, where the strike was particularly intense, more than 20 victims were recorded, including a woman and her three-month-old son, who were killed in their home.

Significant damage was inflicted upon residential and administrative buildings, as well as critical civilian infrastructure – in Kyiv, Odesa, Kremenchuk, Kryvyi Rih, Zaporizhzhia, and a number of other Ukrainian cities. Notably, for the first time since the beginning of the full-scale invasion in February 2022, Russian forces targeted the building of the Government of Ukraine in Kyiv.

And here let me quote the UN Secretary-General: “The targeting of government institutions represents a further escalation of the conflict. Attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure violate IHL. They are unacceptable and must end immediately”.

Esteemed colleagues,

Intensification of Russian drone and missile attacks undoubtedly represent a serious escalation of Moscow’s war against Ukraine. In its desire to suppress the spirit of resistance of the Ukrainian people, the Russian forces stop at nothing. They continue to strike residential buildings, schools and hospitals, falsely claiming that these are military targets and denying the very fact of deliberate targeting (at the last special PC we also mentioned American enterprise in Western Ukraine manufacturing coffee machines).

Even foreign diplomatic missions are not shielded from such attacks. On 28 August, for example, the building of the EU Mission in central Kyiv, and nearby British Council, were hit as a result of yet another Russian massive air strike.

It is particularly deplorable that these acts of terror are taking place at a time, when the international community, in particular the United States and Europe, continue to exert every effort to end the war and achieve a just and sustainable peace. Yet, Moscow once again defiantly rejects diplomacy and deliberately intensifies its campaign of terror against the civilian population.

By doing so, Moscow openly mocks all peace initiatives, and clearly demonstrates that the Kremlin chooses drones and missiles over diplomacy and negotiations. As President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy underlined in his recent address to the nation: “Clearly, Russia is trying to inflict pain on Ukraine with even more brazen attacks. This is a clear sign that Putin is testing the world – whether they will accept or tolerate this.”

Obviously, such unrestricted terror and blatant disregard for international law can neither be tolerated nor accepted. Russia’s aggression must be met with unwavering resolve, including increased political pressure, robust sanctions,

additional restrictive measures, boosting potential of Ukraine's defence forces and credible security guarantees.

The principles of the Helsinki Final Act leave no room for compromise, when it comes to the fundamental norms of international law and humanity. Ukraine will continue to fight for justice, peace and security – not only for ourselves, but for all those who believe in the basic principles of international order. Those who believe in the value of life.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.