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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

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Mr Chairperson,

On behalf of the Delegation of Ukraine, allow me to deliver a statement on the subject of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

On 19 April 2024, on Italian Capri, the G7 foreign ministers issued their communiqué titled "Steadfast Support to Ukraine". We welcome this document and consider it true evidence of international unity in putting to an end the war that the Russian Federation launched against Ukraine and against the entire rules-based order. The unity of the international community is crucial to make the aggressor-state end this war and to bring back the long-awaited just and lasting peace. We appreciate the G7's commitment to support Ukraine's right to self-defence and to bolster Ukraine's defence capabilities.

Advanced air defence systems, combat aircraft and sufficient number of artillery munitions remain necessary to protect the civilian population of Ukraine from Russian attacks and liberate the sovereign territories of Ukraine. We are grateful to all our international partners for their continued assistance aimed at strengthening Ukraine's defences, and, in particular, for the recent important decisions of our American and European partners regarding additional military aid to Ukraine.

Despite Russia's attempts to prevent the provision of necessary means of defence to Ukraine, nothing can change the fundamental principle of a nation's right to self-defence under article 51 of the UN Charter.

Esteemed colleagues,

While some countries are trying to restore peace, another particular state is persisting in waging its war of annihilation. Fully in line with its heinous plan, the Russian Federation continues to use missiles and loitering munitions across Ukraine claiming new lives of Ukrainian citizens and adding to the horrifying account of victims of Russia's war of aggression.

On 17 April 2024, Ukraine was appalled by a brutal attack by the Russian Federation when its forces launched another missile attack on the city of Chernihiv.

Predictably, Russian war propaganda immediately declared this strike a defeat of a military object. However, none of the targets – four residential buildings, a local hospital and an educational institution – can be called military. Nor can civilians affected by this strike be considered legitimate military targets. According to the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, as a result of this brutal attack 17 people were killed and 61 were wounded.

The attack on Chernihiv, which led to almost 80 victims and numerous destructions of residential buildings, is not a separate case. Only two days after the deadly attack on Chernihiv, the Dnipropetrovsk region came under fire.

On 19 April 2024, the Russian forces launched a series of missile strikes on the city of Dnipro and other settlements in the region. As a result of missile barrage, in the city of Dnipro alone, 2 persons were killed and 19 wounded.

In the Synelnykovo district (Dnipropetrovsk region), the Russian strike on a private house area killed 6 people including two children, a 14-year-old girl and an 8-year-old boy. A 6-year-old boy was hospitalised in very serious condition.

In a statement on the recent attacks across on Ukraine, UN Humanitarian Coordinator Denise Brown stated: "There is no peaceful morning in Ukraine". Indeed, since the Russian Federation launched the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, there has hardly been a single day that has not been marred by death and destruction - it has become a daily reality for millions of Ukrainians.

One resident of the city of Dnipro, who lives in the area of the recent Russian strike, said: “I can't say we have already adapted to these explosions, but we understand they can happen any day, at any minute.”

Mr Chairperson,

When talking about the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, it is important to remember the global dimension of Russia's actions, in particular its activities aimed at consolidating other authoritarian regimes that have already acted to undermine international peace and stability.

Be it the unprecedented level of military-technical cooperation between Moscow and Tehran, which fuels the security situation in the Middle East and allows Iran to carry out massive air attacks against other countries. Or be it arms trade and technology sharing with North Korea, allowing Pyongyang to advance its armament programme. All these actions are a part of Russia's aggressive course aimed at replacing a world order based on law with a world order based on military force.

Against this backdrop, it is extremely important for world democracies to have a common understanding of these challenges and develop a long-term strategy to counter threats from the Russian Federation and its collaborators in order to provide security for the whole world.

Ukraine is firmly convinced that the peace we all strive for can only be achieved through the full restoration of the principles enshrined in the UN Charter, the provisions of which all the countries in the world have agreed to respect.

That is why the Peace Formula of the President of Ukraine, based on the universal principles of the UN Charter, remains the only just and comprehensive plan for restoring the territorial integrity of Ukraine and ensuring security and justice for the entire international community.

We express our gratitude to all countries that are working together with Ukraine on its implementation. Enduring international solidarity in the face of a brutal attack on the world order

is essential to our joint efforts to restore a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in accordance with the principles of international law.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.