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Statement on the 60th round of the Geneva International Discussions

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Madam Chairperson,

Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered under this agenda item by the Delegation of the European Union. At the same time, I would also like to add some remarks in the national capacity.

moscow which fomented the russian-Georgian conflict and has been serving as a main obstacle to its resolution, continues obstructing the negotiation process by intentional unwillingness to implement its obligations under the 2008 EU-mediated ceasefire agreement and withdraw its armed formations and occupation administrations from the temporarily occupied Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali.

Today the russian terrorist regime, led by the war criminal putin, continues occupying the Georgian sovereign territory, causing the years long suffering of thousands of Georgian people.

The russian criminal regime doesn't care about its own people – neither of those inside russia nor of those, sent to Ukraine to kill and torture Ukrainians, loot their houses, commit other war crimes and atrocities. So, it is not surprising that the conflict affected population in Georgia remains deprived of the potential benefits from the GID activities due to the ongoing refusal by russia and its proxies to discuss issues related to internally displaced persons and refugees.

Dear Colleagues,

We should be sincere in evaluating the real situation in this region. As it was underlined on numerous occasions already, full, and unconditional de-occupation of Georgian territories is the only and inevitable way to reach progress in conflict resolution, ensure human rights and freedoms and provide for stability and prosperity in the region. To reach this goal the russian regime must affirm and implement the non-use of force commitments and contribute to creating necessary conditions for establishment of international security arrangements on the ground.

But let's be frank, russia continues to feel itself comfortable, occupying for years the territory of the OSCE participating State. It also takes this comfort, inter alia, as a permission to wage new aggressive wars.

The russian regime openly demonstrates its further illegal intentions with continued activities aimed at militarization and de-facto annexation of the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali. russian actions on establishing the naval base at the occupied Abkhazian port of Ochamchire still did not cause any meaningful and practical reaction from the international community.

Meanwhile, the link between these actions and russian aggressive war against

Ukraine is more than obvious, as russian warships, belonging to something previously known as the "Black Sea Fleet of the russian federation", continue joining their former ensign ship "moscow" one by one at the seafloor.

Ukraine reiterates its strong call to exert more extensive political and economic pressure on russia. The price for aggression and occupation must be unbearable for moscow.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate Ukraine's unwavering support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.