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Letter dated 7 June 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to inform you of the ongoing terrorist attacks by the Russian Federation that deliberately target civilians and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine (see annex).

On the night of 7 June 2025, Russia launched hundreds of drones and missiles, targeting civilians across Ukraine, including in the Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Ternopil, Odesa and other regions. The strikes killed and injured civilians and damaged energy infrastructure.

The city of Kharkiv had a particularly terrible night: Russia attacked the city with 53 drones, four guided aerial bombs and one missile, killing at least 3 people and injuring 22 others, including 2 children – a 1.5-month-old baby and a 14-year-old girl. Fires broke out in multistorey buildings and rescuers worked through the night to pull people from the rubble. At least 43 buildings were damaged, including 23 apartment blocks and 15 houses. Hundreds of windows were shattered, roofs torn and a civilian enterprise was severely damaged.

Later that day, Russia carried out a second deadly attack on the city of Kharkiv, using aerial bombs. One of the bombs hit the children's railway, killing at least 1 person and injuring more than 40 others. The victim was the newly appointed head of the children's railway, who had taken the position just two weeks previously.

This is pure terrorism. And it has been going on for the more than three years of Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine. It cannot be ignored. Silence and weakness





will not stop this war. To put an end to Russia's killing and destruction, more pressure on Moscow is required, as are more steps to strengthen Ukraine. Russia is a terrorist State – it must be called what it is. It has already done more than enough to earn that designation. The world must hold Russia accountable.

Given the persistent and ongoing nature of Russia's terrorist attacks and recognizing the urgent need for immediate intervention, I would appreciate your personal attention and the full utilization of all available instruments within the mandates of the relevant United Nations agencies to stop the terror and address these continued crimes by the Russian Federation against the civilian population and infrastructure in Ukraine.

The crime of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the Russian Federation further underscore Russia's non-compliance with the United Nations membership criteria set out in Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the inadmissibility of inaction regarding Russia's illegitimate presence in the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 62, 67, 80, 110, 132 and 135, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Andrii Melnyk Ambassador Permanent Representative

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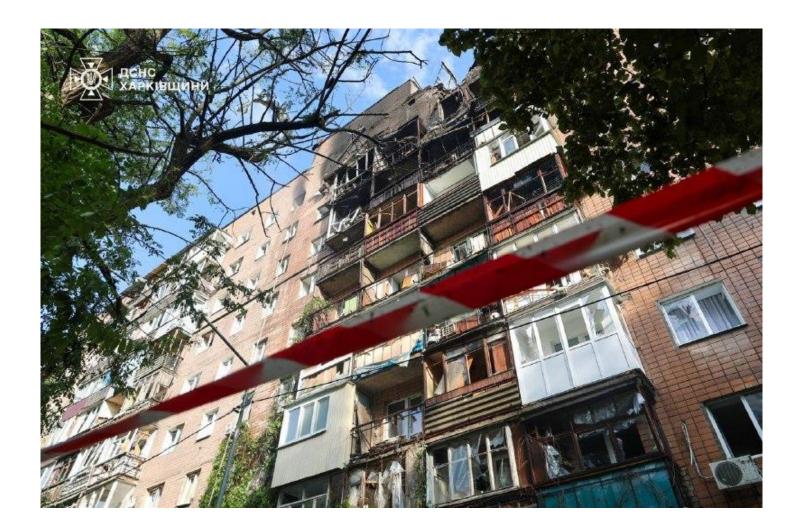
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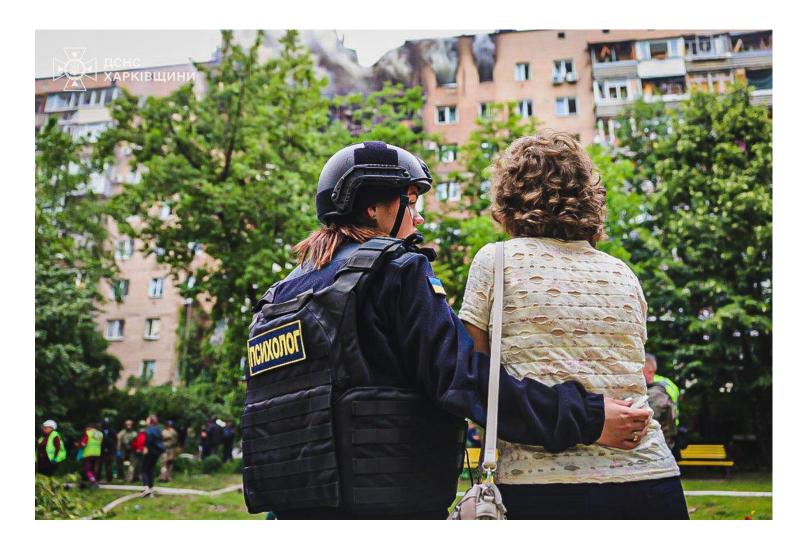
Consequences of Russia's attack on civilians in the city of Kharkiv (7 June 2025)





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Additional photographs are on file with the Secretariat and available for consultation.

Consequences of Russia's attack on civilians in the Donetsk region (7 June 2025)



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Additional photographs and videos are available at the following links:

- 1. https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/xarkivshhina-1-zagiblii-17-postrazdalix-sered-nix-2-ditini
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