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Letter dated 23 April 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission 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 morning of 23 April 2025, the Russian Federation launched a first-person-view (FPV) drone strike on the city of Marhanets in the Dnipropetrovsk region, directly targeting a civilian bus transporting workers of a local mining and processing plant. At least nine civilians – eight women and one man – were killed, and 54 others were injured, most of them women. All of the victims were employees of the Marhanets Mining and Processing Plant. They were simply on their way to work.

It was an egregiously brutal attack – and an absolutely deliberate war crime. Such Russian FPV drone strikes on civilians, sadly, have become commonplace. Civilians in Kherson and the region, in Kupiansk, Pokrovsk and communities in the Dnipropetrovsk region – Nikopol and Marhanets – suffer the most from this kind of terror. These attacks are not only systematic but also publicly glorified by the aggressor: Russians post footage of strikes on civilians online.



Throughout the day, Russia carried out strikes on various regions of Ukraine, including the Kyiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Poltava, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson and Odesa regions, killing and injuring civilians.

If Russia continues to employ such methods of terror with impunity, other malign actors may be emboldened to do the same. War evolves over time, and the longer it lasts the more – unfortunately – the methods of killing and cruelty can be modernized. This is yet another stark reminder that Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine is a global threat to international peace and security.

Given the persistent and ongoing nature of such terrorist attacks and recognizing the urgent need for immediate intervention, I would appreciate your further 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.

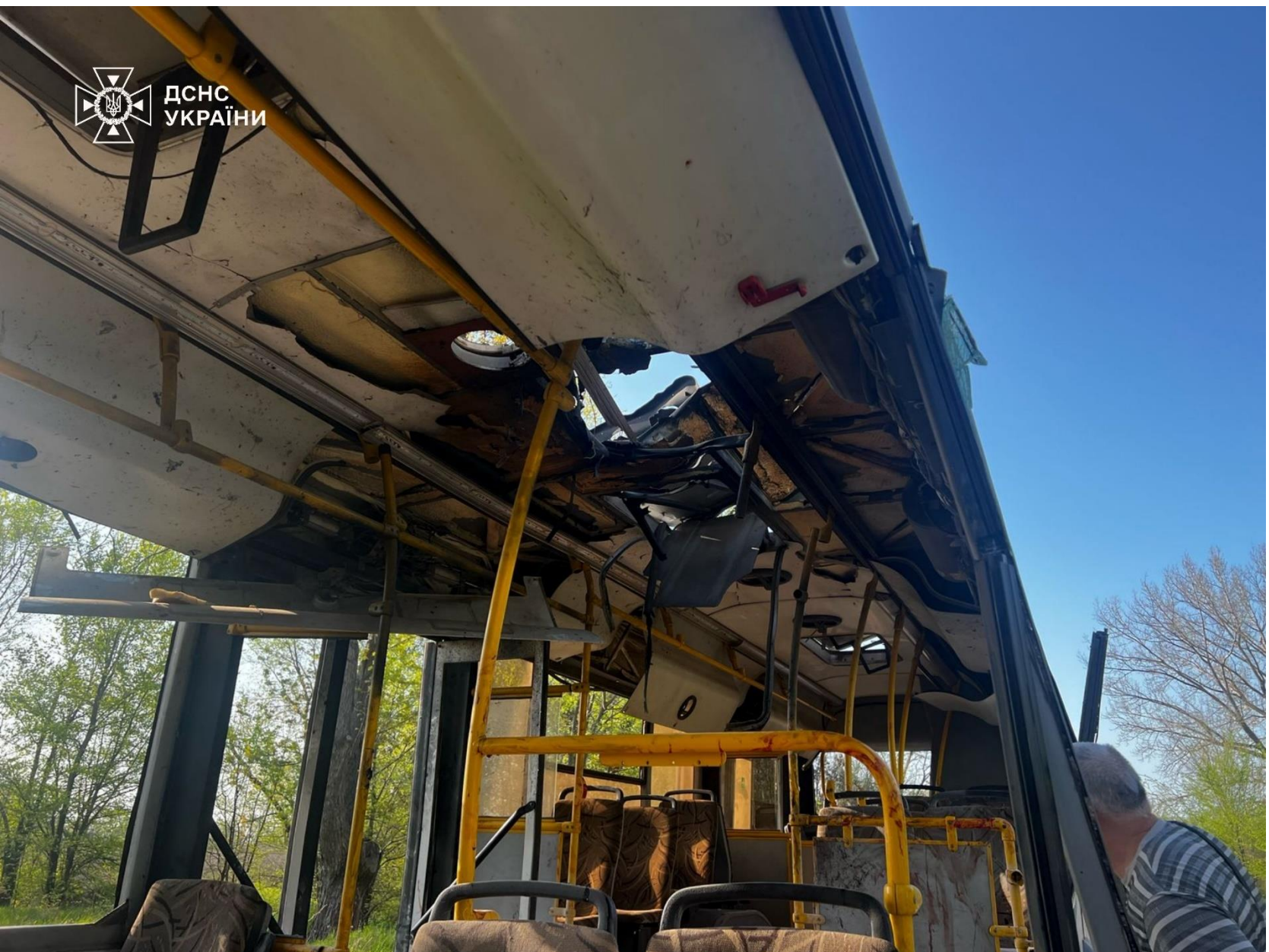
(Signed) **Khrystyna Hayovyshyn**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
Deputy Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 23 April 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Consequences of Russia's first-person-view (FPV) drone strike on a civilian bus in the city of Marhanets, Dnipropetrovsk region (23 April 2025)









Additional photographs are available at the following links:

1. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/rosiiski-okupanti-vdarili-dronom-kamikadze-po-mistu-marganec-foto>.
2. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/volodimir-zelenskii-rosiiani-vdarili-v-misti-marganec-po-avtobusu-iakii-perevoziv-robitnikiv-ta-robitnic-girnicozbagacuvalnogo-kombinatu>.

Source: State Emergency Service of Ukraine.
