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**Letter dated 1 February 2025 from the Permanent Representative of  
Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I write to inform you of Russia's continued terrorist attacks that deliberately target civilians and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine (see annex).

On the night of 1 February 2025, Russia launched a massive air attack on Ukrainian cities using various types of weapons: missiles, attack drones and aerial bombs. In the city of Poltava, the Russian missile attack targeted a residential building, destroying a section of the apartment block from the first to the fifth floors, killing at least 8 civilians, including 1 child, and injuring at least 17 others, including 4 children aged 3 months, 2, 8 and 12 years. Neighbouring buildings and nearby vehicles were also damaged. The Russian attacks also damaged civilian infrastructure in the Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, Sumy, Kharkiv, Khmelnytskyi and Kyiv regions, injuring at least six civilians. In Kharkiv, at least one person was killed by a strike drone. In the Sumy region, this Russian attack claimed at least two more lives.

Yesterday, 31 January 2025, a Russian missile attack targeted the historic centre of Odesa, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage site, injuring at least seven civilians and causing significant damage in the UNESCO protection zone. As a result of the missile attack, the Bristol Hotel – one of the most striking architectural landmarks in central Odesa, built by Italian architects in the nineteenth century – sustained severe damage, the full extent of which is yet to be determined. The powerful blast wave also damaged nearby historic



buildings, with about 15 cultural heritage sites affected. Among the most notable damaged landmarks are the Odesa Philharmonic building (New Exchange building), the Vuchini House, the Museum of Western and Eastern Art and a branch of the Literary Museum. The explosion also caused serious damage to the stained-glass windows and authentic wooden structures of the Union of Architects of Ukraine and the Porto-Franco Bank buildings. Since 2023, the Philharmonic building has been under reinforced UNESCO protection under the 1999 Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.

Given the persistent and ongoing nature of these 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 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 would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 62, 67, 80, 110, 132 and 135, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sergiy Kyslytsya  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

**Annex to the letter dated 1 February 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Consequences of Russia's massive air attacks on Ukrainian cities using various types of weapons: missiles, attack drones and aerial bombs**

(31 January and 1 February 2025)





























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1. <https://od.dsns.gov.ua/pres-centr/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/voroza-ataka-v-seredmisti-odesi>
2. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/zaporizzia-vnaslidok-nicnoyi-vorozoyi-ataki-postrazdala-1-liudina>
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