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Letter dated 19 May 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 17 May 2025, the Russian Federation launched a strike on a civilian passenger bus operating a regular route in the Bilopillia community of the Sumy region. As a result of the attack, at least nine civilians were killed and seven others injured. In coordination with volunteers, emergency services evacuated 10 children in armoured vehicles – all of them were children of the women who had been aboard the bus hit by the Russian Federation. According to preliminary information, one of the women – the mother of eight children – was injured in the attack. The other – the mother of two children – was killed.

On the night of 18 May 2025, the Russian Federation launched a massive drone attack on the city of Kyiv and the Kyiv region, killing a young mother and injuring at least three others, including her child. The attack caused destruction and fires in several communities. In the Fastiv and Obukhiv Raions of the Kyiv region, large-scale fires broke out. In Fastiv Raion, the strikes hit the warehouse facilities of a medical centre, which caught fire and burned over an area of more than 5,000 square metres.



On the same day, the Russian Federation launched a drone strike on a residential apartment building in the city of Kherson. The attack ignited a fire on the third-floor balcony.

On 19 May 2025, the Russian Federation carried out an airstrike on the city of Kramatorsk in the Donetsk region, injuring at least two civilians and damaging seven private homes, further contributing to the suffering of civilians targeted by Russia. Earlier that day, Russia launched an airstrike on the residential area of the village of Illinivka in the Kramatorsk Raion of the Donetsk region. Emergency workers rescued two civilians trapped under the rubble of a destroyed house after clearing 300 kg of debris. Four additional homes were destroyed in that strike.

Russian terror remains a daily reality for Ukrainians. Since the beginning of this month, missile, drone, and artillery attacks by the Russian Federation have killed at least 33 civilians and injured over 190 others, including at least 19 children.

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.

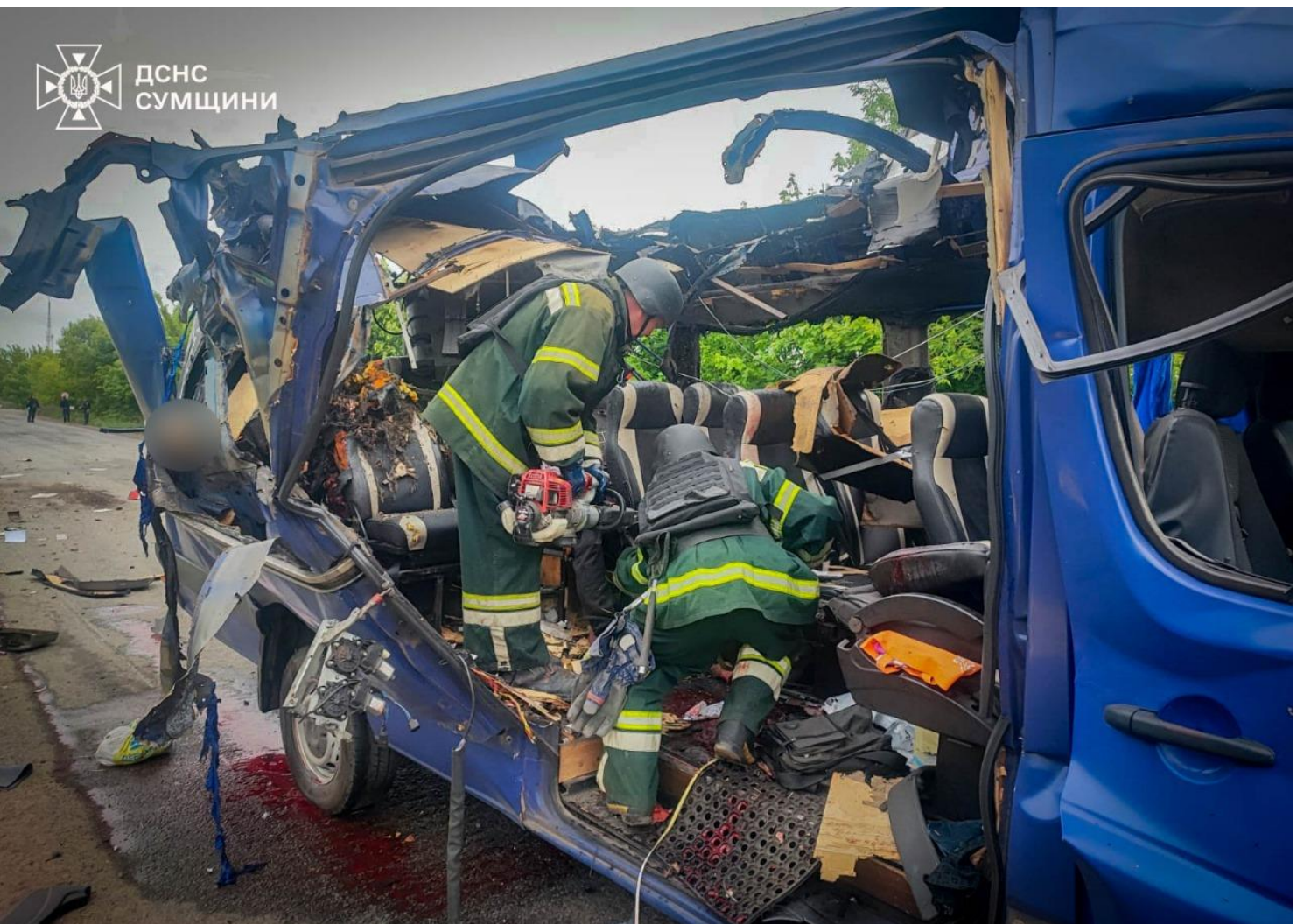
(Signed) **Khrystyna Hayovyshyn**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
Deputy Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 19 May 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 attack on a civilian bus in the Sumy region (17 May 2025)









For video of emergency services evacuating 10 children whose mothers were aboard the civilian passenger bus struck by the Russian Federation in the Sumy region, on 18 May 2025, see: <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/sumshhina-riatuvalniki-evakuiuvati-z-prikordonnia-ditei-video>.

Consequences of Russia's drone attacks on civilians in the Kyiv region (18 May 2025)











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Additional photos and videos are available at the following links:

1. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/sumshhina-spivrobitniki-dsns-deblokuvali-tila-pasaziriv-reisovogo-avtobusa-po-iakomu-vorog-nanis-udar>
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3. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/na-doneccini-obstrili-ne-pripiniautsia-riatuvalniki-likvidovuiut-naslidki-vorozoyi-agresiyi>
4. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/sumshhina-vogneborci-dvici-likvidovuvali-pozezi-spricineni-vorozimi-obstrilami>
5. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/masovana-ataka-na-kiyivshhinu-video>
6. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/xerson-riatuvalniki-likvidovali-naslidki-vorozoyi-ataki>
7. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/sumshhina-riatuvalniki-dvici-likvidovuvali-pozezi-shho-vinikali-cerez-vorozi-ataki>
8. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/xerson-vnaslidok-vorozoyi-ataki-zruinovano-privatnii-zitlovii-budinok>
9. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/aviaudar-po-illinivci-nadzvicainiki-vriatuvali-z-pid-zavaliv-2-liudei>
10. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/doneccina-rosiiskii-aviaudar-po-kramatorsku-je-postrazdali>

Source: State Emergency Service of Ukraine, National Police of Ukraine.
