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Threats to international peace and security (Ukraine)**

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Thank you Mr. President,

We meet again in the course of one week for Ukraine. Yet, the wording of the request for today's meeting is in itself misleading. What is described as "Ukrainian conflict" is in fact a war of aggression against Ukraine, going on for the last three and a half years, disrupting the life of nearly 40 million people and causing ripple effects for regional as well as global security and stability.

Mr. President,

Allow me to state the obvious; Ukraine has the inherent right to defend itself, according to article 51 of the UN Charter, as it was subjected to a full-scale invasion, in brutal violation of its sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, three of the most fundamental principles of international law and the UN Charter.

In recent months and despite the peace process initiated by the US and the repeated calls by Ukraine and the majority of the UN membership for a full and immediate ceasefire, Russian attacks continue, claiming civilian lives, among them women and children, and destroying civilian infrastructure, in violation of international humanitarian law. This meeting takes place in the aftermath of another wave of severe drone and missile strikes against Kyiv and other residential areas, a further testament to Russia's continued aggression.

Ukraine has the right to procure the necessary means for its defense, including by allies and partners, provided it fully complies with the applicable international legal framework,

including relevant Security Council resolutions. This procurement has been transparent and well documented.

On the other hand, Russia has been receiving massive amounts of weapons and munition from its allies, and, as it has now publicly admitted, has been engaging the support of thousands of soldiers from the DPRK in violation of multiple, unanimously adopted Security Council Resolutions.

Mr. President,

The continuation of this manifest violation of the UN Charter needs to stop. We reiterate our call for a full and unconditional ceasefire, as a first step towards a just, comprehensive and lasting peace, in line with the UN Charter and international law.

What we need is to focus on peace and reconstruction. The bloodshed has to stop.

I thank you.