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Letter dated 17 April 2024 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 deliberately targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine.

On Wednesday, 17 April 2024, Russian troops launched three Iskander ballistic missiles targeting social and civilian infrastructure in the densely populated central part of the city of Chernihiv, Ukraine.

As a result of the Russian missile strikes, at least 17 residents were killed and at least 78 people, including 3 children, were wounded. An eight-storey social infrastructure building was destroyed, 24 residential apartment buildings, a hotel, a hospital and a higher education institution were damaged. The rescue operation lasted all day and will continue until the fate of all the people under the rubble is known.

These attacks serve as more proof of the terrorist nature of the Russian armed forces and their affiliated armed groups listed in your annual report on children and armed conflict as a State actor that attacked schools and hospitals and killed children, in particular through the use of explosive weapons with a wide impact area, including shelling from heavy artillery, multiple-launch rocket systems, missiles and air strikes in populated areas.

Considering the persistent and ongoing nature of such attacks, and recognizing the urgency of immediate intervention, I would be grateful for your personal attention and full use of all existing instruments within the mandates of the relevant United Nations agencies to address these continued crimes of the Russian Federation against the civilian population and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine.

The crime of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the Russian Federation once again testify to the inadmissibility of inaction with regard to Russia's illegitimate presence in the Security Council.



I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 67 and 109, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Sergiy Kyslytsya**
Ambassador
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