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**The situation in the temporarily occupied territories
of Ukraine**

Letter dated 28 January 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith an appeal of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the United Nations, the European Parliament, Governments and parliaments of foreign States and parliamentary assemblies of international organizations regarding the unacceptability of military blackmail against Ukraine by the Russian Federation in order to prevent the realization of European and Euro-Atlantic aspirations of Ukraine (see annex), adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on 25 January 2022.

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 35 (a) and 67, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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Acknowledging the invariability of the position of the Ukrainian state on the strict implementation and observance of norms and principles of international law,

Emphasizing the inalienable right of Ukraine as a sovereign state to determine independently its participation in international political, economic and security alliances,

Emphasizing the right of Ukraine to choose the strategic course on European and Euro-Atlantic integration enshrined in the Constitution of Ukraine,

Respecting the will of the Ukrainian people to support European and Euro-Atlantic integration, which, according to the latest research, exceeds 67 per cent for membership in the European Union (EU) and 59 per cent for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO),

Recalling the Association Agreement between Ukraine, of the one part, and the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the other part, and the Charter on a Distinctive Partnership between Ukraine and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization,

Having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 16 December 2021 on the situation at the Ukrainian border and in Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine

Recalling the European Council conclusions on external relations of 25 June 2021 concerning Russia,

Recalling the outcome of Ukraine-EU summits, Ukraine-NATO commission meetings and ongoing bilateral dialogues at the highest political level,

Having regard to the decision of the 2008 NATO Bucharest Summit, reaffirmed at the NATO Summit in Brussels in 2021, that Ukraine will become a member of the Alliance,

Emphasizing that the Russian Federation has grossly violated and continues to violate the Charter of the United Nations and universally recognized principles of international law, as well as its obligations under the Memorandum on security assurances in connection with Ukraine's accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of 5 December 1994 (Budapest Memorandum), by which it guaranteed to respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine and confirmed the non-use of weapons against Ukraine, by annexing Crimea and occupying part of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine,

Strongly condemning the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which has been going on since 2014 and has already resulted in killing more than 15,000 people,

Emphasizing that Ukraine, NATO and the European Union are united in their position on Ukraine's sovereign right to determine the vector of further integration, in particular on the issue of enlargement and membership in these institutions,

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine appeals to the United Nations, the European Parliament, governments and parliaments of foreign states and parliamentary assemblies of international organizations and calls on:

to condemn the actions of the Russian Federation directed against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine as contrary to generally accepted principles and norms of international law,

to strongly condemn the position of the Russian Federation aimed at blocking progress in international political and diplomatic efforts to resolve the Russian-Ukrainian armed conflict,

to use all possible diplomatic means to facilitate the de-escalation of the situation, the withdrawal of Russian troops from the borders of Ukraine, as well as the complete renunciation of the Russian Federation of its aggressive intentions to redistribute Europe into zones of influence,

to prevent the Russian Federation from continuing blackmail and threats of full-scale invasion of Ukraine in exchange for guarantees of non-enlargement of NATO and prevention of Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic aspirations, as well as revision of fundamental principles of European security,

to promote the strengthening of Ukraine's defense capabilities, the development of its Armed Forces in accordance with NATO standards,

to support Ukraine's aspirations to recognize its European perspective and to define specific timeframes and modalities for further integration of our country into NATO;

to use all possible international political and diplomatic mechanisms against the Russian Federation in order to stop the expansion of aggressive actions and increasing the presence of Russian military forces on the border with Ukraine,

to increase the sanctions pressure on the occupying state until its complete cessation of armed aggression and the restoration of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized state borders.
