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## **Letter dated 9 September 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Czechia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council**

Upon instruction from my Government, I would like to draw your attention to the following position of the Czech Republic in response to the accusations recently made by the Russian Federation against my country.

On 23 August 2022, in his statement at the Security Council meeting, Vassily Nebenzia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, accused the Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic, Jana Černochová, of making a remark about the death of Darya Dugina that “essentially amount[ed] to open support and propaganda for acts of terror against civilians”.

In another part of his statement, Ambassador Nebenzia accused the Czech Republic of “helping the Ukrainian special services train subversive saboteurs to exterminate so-called undesirables” and said that such training had been organized on the Czech territory.

The Czech Republic rejects these unsubstantiated accusations. In accordance with its security strategy, the Czech Republic is actively committed to combating all forms of terrorism, both at the national level and with international organizations, including through the negotiation and implementation of all anti-terrorism conventions.

The Czech Republic is a peaceful country. Therefore, Czech citizens are shocked by daily reports of violence and atrocities committed by the Russian army in Ukraine for more than six months now. Blaming others for what their own troops are doing in other parts of the world has already become part of a widespread cynical Russian narrative.

In this context, it is important to remind the Russian authorities that the Czech Republic still awaits an official response of the Russian Federation concerning the explosion in the ammunition depot in Vrbětice, Czech Republic, in 2014, which had been planned and executed by agents of the Russian military intelligence (GRU) and which claimed the lives of two innocent Czech citizens, in addition to material



damage. The conduct of the Russian GRU officers in 2014 represents a breach of international law, since several obligations under international law towards the Czech Republic were breached by the conduct of that organ of the Russian Federation. These breaches of international law by the Russian Federation constitute an internationally wrongful act and entail the international responsibility of the Russian Federation.

The Russian Federation has no moral right to give lessons to the Czech Republic or any other country on how to fight international terrorism and should immediately stop spreading similar false accusations.

I should be grateful if the present letter would be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 111, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jakub **Kulháněk**

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