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**Letter dated 9 December 2022 from the Permanent Representative
of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine regarding the energy terrorism of the Russian Federation (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 59, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine regarding the energy terrorism of the russian federation

Since October 2022, the russian federation, led by the Kremlin criminal putin, has systematically engaged in acts of energy terrorism against Ukraine, carrying out massive missile and drone attacks on the civilian energy infrastructure of Ukraine.

Such insidious strikes led to massive power outages in all regions of Ukraine. On the eve of winter, the energy supply, water supply, drainage and heating systems of hospitals, schools, kindergartens, and residential buildings throughout the country were damaged. The systems of electronic communication networks are disrupted, as well as the proper functioning of the Ukrainian transport system.

The capture of the Zaporizhzhia NPP by the russian military is not only aimed at weakening the energy system of Ukraine, but is also used by the criminal military-political leadership of the Russian federation as a tool for nuclear blackmail of Ukraine, Europe and the whole world.

By destroying the energy infrastructure of Ukraine, the russian federation is trying to break the resistance of the Ukrainian people. At the same time, the russian federation calls the termination of the existence of Ukraine as an independent state a condition for the cessation of missile terror.

Attempts by the russian federation to subjugate Ukraine with the help of energy blackmail, as well as to persuade the governments of the world to cancel sanctions, stop supporting Ukraine and make other concessions, have been defeated. Thus, putin switched from blackmail to terrorism – the physical destruction of the energy infrastructure of Ukraine, which is part of the European network of electricity transmission system operators (ENTSO-E). Such actions of the aggressor are aimed at destabilizing the energy security of other European states, particularly Moldova and Hungary. The terrorist state seeks not only to undermine Ukraine's ability to balance the European grid and export electricity to Europe, but also expects to provoke a new wave of mass migration from Ukraine, and also potentially hinders the supply of Ukrainian grain to African countries, which threatens acute famine and death of more than three hundred million people.

Such pre-planned strikes on Ukraine's energy infrastructure facilities are certainly brazen war crimes, crimes against humanity, and acts of genocide against the Ukrainian people. With the joint efforts of the international community, the terrorist state and its leadership will certainly and inevitably be brought to justice.

Considering the above mentioned, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine:

(1) calls on the entire civilized world to condemn the insidious attack of the russian federation on the objects of the energy infrastructure of Ukraine and to recognize that its methodical destruction of the objects of the energy infrastructure of Ukraine is a continuation of the age-old russian policy of genocide of the Ukrainian people;

(2) notes that under such circumstances, Ukraine expects from all partner states, in particular:

accelerated provision of modern anti-aircraft and anti-missile defense systems necessary for the protection of Ukraine and neighboring states from the criminal aggression of the russian federation;

strengthening of restrictive measures (sanctions) against the russian federation as a terrorist state and elimination of loopholes used by the aggressor to avoid the effect of such measures (sanctions);

continuing steps to create a special international tribunal to investigate war crimes committed by the russian federation and its military formations in Ukraine;

increasing international efforts to implement financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of post-war Ukraine, including at the expense of the russian federation as an aggressor state;

rapid supply of high-voltage equipment for the urgent restoration of uninterrupted power supply to critical infrastructure, hospitals, schools, kindergartens and residential buildings, cut off due to damage to energy infrastructure facilities;

(3) calls on the entire democratic world to strengthen efforts for the final liberation of the European continent from energy dependence provoked by the russian federation;

(4) appeals to the entire democratic world and international organizations to urgently take consolidated and effective measures to stop the armed aggression of the russian federation against Ukraine and the immediate withdrawal of all its armed forces from the sovereign territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders;

(5) calls on the international community to unite and, in accordance with international standards and procedures, recognize the russian federation as a terrorist state (a state sponsor of terrorism), and its criminal actions against Ukraine as genocide of the Ukrainian people;

(6) use all available means necessary to apply existing and create new international instruments in order to bring to justice all those guilty of crimes committed by the russian federation against Ukraine and its citizens and to compensate for the damage caused by it.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is convinced that russian armed terror will not be able to break either Ukraine or its friends and allies. On the contrary, our solidarity will become stronger, our Victory will steadily approach, and evil will certainly be punished.
