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**Letter dated 12 September 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 attacks aimed at undermining global food security.

On Thursday, 12 September 2024, Russia launched a missile attack on a civilian vessel, *Aya* (International Maritime Organization No.: 9117868, flag: Saint Kitts and Nevis), in the Black Sea shortly after it had left Ukrainian territorial waters (see annex).** The vessel was transporting Ukrainian grain at the time of the attack. Following the attack, the vessel altered its course towards the port of Constanța and is currently within Romanian territorial waters near Constanța. There are no reported casualties among the ship's crew.

I want to emphasize that Ukraine plays a crucial role in global food security. The stability and well-being of numerous countries depend on the smooth and uninterrupted operation of our food export corridor. Ukraine's food supplies to African and Middle Eastern countries are especially vital.

Ukraine remains committed to protecting its ports, the Black Sea and its food exports to global markets. Ensuring the safety of life and food security should be a universal priority. Wheat and food supplies should never be targets for missiles.

I would appreciate your personal attention to this information and the full utilization of all available instruments within the mandates of the relevant United Nations agencies to address these continued crimes by the Russian Federation.

I would also appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 24, 62 and 110, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Sergiy Kyslytsya**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

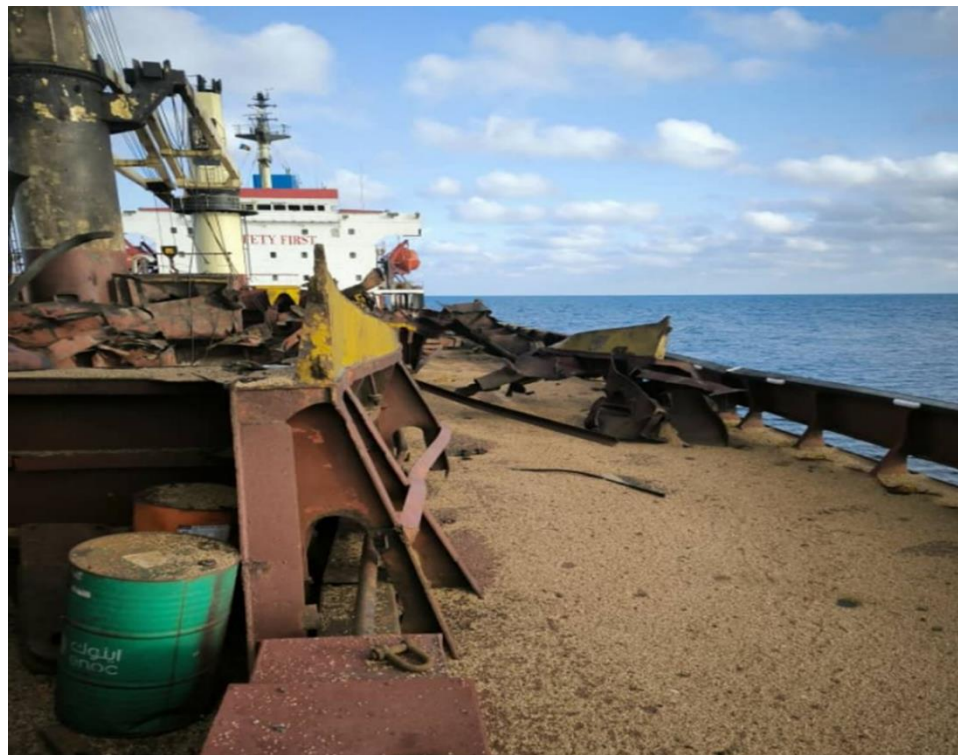
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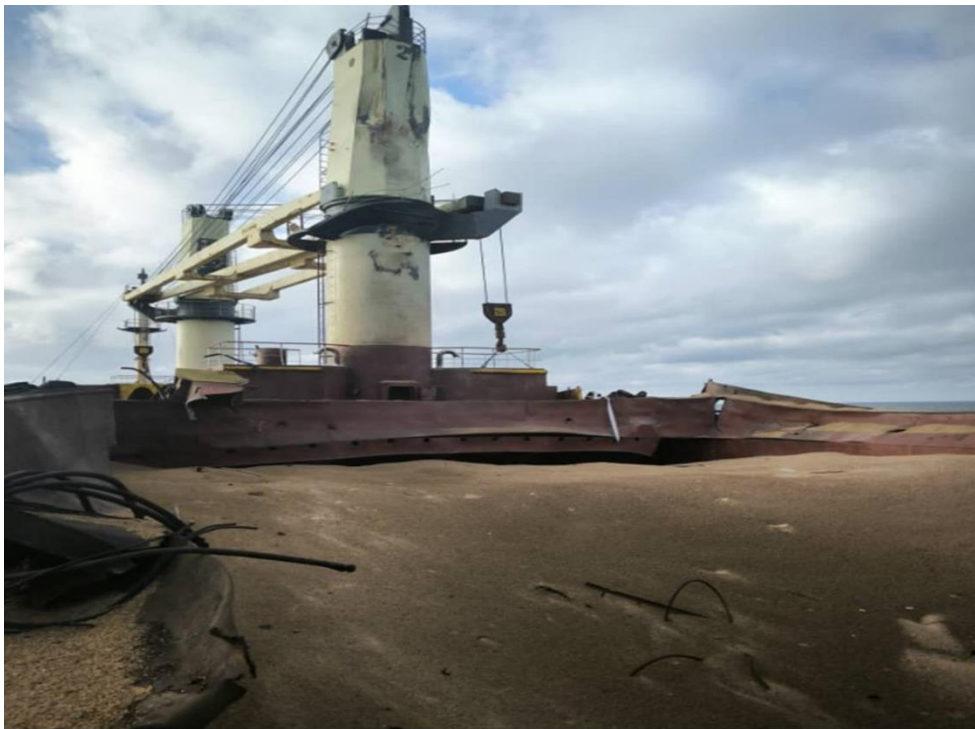
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Annex to the letter dated 12 September 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Consequences of Russia's missile attack on a wheat cargo (bound for Egypt) in the Black Sea shortly after it had left Ukrainian territorial waters (12 September 2024)





Source: Office of the President of Ukraine.
