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of Ukraine****Security Council
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Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on yet another visit of the Russian delegation, chaired by Dmitry Medvedev, to the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine – Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol – which was not coordinated with Ukraine (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 67, and of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 31 July 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest against another “visit” of the Russian delegation chaired by the Head of Government of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev, to the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine – Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol – which started on 28 July and was not coordinated with Ukraine.

This trip is taking place despite the numerous reservations of Ukraine and has the cynical aim – participation in the parade of the occupation Navy Forces of Russia.

Ukraine continues to uphold a principle position – there should be no trips of the Russian officials that are not coordinated with Ukraine to the territory of Ukraine in its internationally recognized borders which include the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The attempts of the Russian side to interpret these “visits” as internal trips are null and void and prove the blatant disregard by the Russian Federation of the generally recognized norms and principles of international law and its obligations under bilateral and multilateral treaties.

We once again underline that, according to international law, the Russian Federation, as occupying State, bears full responsibility for the negative consequences for the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol caused by the temporary presence there of Russian occupation administrations.
