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of Ukraine****Security Council  
Seventy-fifth year****Letter dated 18 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of  
Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement dated 18 March 2020 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in connection with the illegal visit by the President of the Russian Federation to the temporarily occupied by Russia territories of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 63 and of the Security Council.

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



**Annex to the letter dated 18 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Statement dated 18 March 2020 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in connection with the illegal visit of the President of the Russian Federation to the temporarily occupied by Russia territories of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest over another visit of President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin to the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which began on 18 March 2020 and yet again was not agreed with Ukraine.

Ukraine considers this visit, as well as all others trips of Russian officials to the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which were not agreed with Ukraine, as a gross violation of state sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, a cynical and blatant disregard by the Russian Side of generally recognized norms and principles of international law, including the UN Charter, UN General Assembly resolutions, obligations of the Russian Federation under bilateral and multilateral treaties, to which Ukraine and the Russian Federation both are parties.

Crimea and Sevastopol are and will continue to be an integral part of Ukraine's sovereign territory. None of the trips of Russian officials to the occupied peninsula, as well as the illegal construction of the so-called "Crimean Bridge", do not constitute a change in the status of these Ukrainian administrative territorial units as enshrined in the Constitution of Ukraine and recognized by the international community.

A Note Verbal with the protest was sent to the Russian Foreign Ministry in connection with the visit of V. Putin to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

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