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## Letter dated 8 April 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

With reference to the Russian letter dated 15 March 2022, issued as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council under the symbol A/76/761–S/2022/233, I have to inform of yet another false flag operation committed by the Ukrainian side – the use by the Kiev regime on 8 April of a Tochka-U tactical missile on a territory under its own control that killed dozens of innocent Ukrainians, mostly children and women.

Any attempts to accuse the Russian side of such an inhumane attack are completely futile and could be easily refuted by the sole fact that the Tochka-U missiles identified by the debris, found near the Kramatorsk railway station and shared on social media by eyewitnesses, are used exclusively by the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

As was confirmed by the Russian Ministry of Defence on 8 April 2022, the Russian Armed Forces did not carry out or plan to carry out any firing missions in Kramatorsk city on that date.

According to the available data, the strike on the Kramatorsk railway station was carried out by a missile division of the Ukrainian Armed Forces from the area of Dobropol'e, 45 kilometres south-west of the city. The aim was to disrupt the mass exit of residents from the city in order to use them as a "human shield" to defend Ukrainian Armed Forces positions, as in many other Ukrainian residential areas.

It is also necessary to remind that, in the above-mentioned letter (A/76/761–S/2022/233), we already informed that, on 14 March 2022, a similar Tochka-U missile of Division of 19th Separate Missile Brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces struck the centre of Donetsk, killing 17 people on the spot and injuring another 36 civilians.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 85, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia



