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Letter dated 30 January 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey herewith the appeal by the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, international parliamentary organizations and parliaments of the countries of the world regarding criminal attacks by Ukrainian armed formations against civilians on the territory of the Russian Federation (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 107, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia



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EIGHTH STATE DUMA OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**APPEAL
OF THE STATE DUMA**

addressed to the United Nations, international parliamentary organizations and parliaments of countries around the world regarding criminal attacks by Ukrainian armed formations against civilians on the territory of the Russian Federation

The deputies of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation express their extreme indignation at the inhuman policy of the Kiev regime, which in its impotent anger is using truly barbaric terrorist methods in an attempt to intimidate the civilian population of the Russian border territories and to justify the failed actions of Ukrainian armed formations at the line of armed contact.

We are increasingly witnessing indiscriminate rocket and artillery fire and attacks using unmanned aerial systems by Ukrainian fighters against Russian regional centres and other towns and settlements. As a result of these strikes, which directly violate the norms of international humanitarian law and the methods and means of conducting armed conflict, civilians, including children, women and the elderly, are being killed, and schools, hospitals and other critical items of civilian infrastructure are being destroyed.

Another bloody crime of the Ukrainian neo-Nazis was the indiscriminate deliberate shelling from multiple rocket launchers on 21 January 2024 of a market and adjacent stores in the Tekstilshchik microdistrict of the Kirovsky district of Donetsk, which killed 27 civilians. A further 25 people, including two children, were injured.

The deputies of the State Duma are deeply shocked by the cynicism of this criminal attack, as its victims were ordinary civilians who were shopping at the market on a Sunday afternoon. This horrific and senseless act of terrorism demonstrated the criminal nature of the Kiev regime, which is spreading an ideology of hatred and intolerance and is glorifying the death cult of Bandera.

The deliberate attacks by Ukrainian armed groups against civilians, including the combined indiscriminate strike on 30 December 2023 on the city streets and sports facilities of Belgorod, put the executioners in Kiev on a par with the organizers and perpetrators of the massacres at Khatyn in Belarus and Volyn in Poland, where civilians fell victim to the Nazis and their henchmen.

The State Duma believes that the Western patrons of the neo-Nazi regime in Ukraine bear full responsibility for the crimes committed by their puppets, actions which, in the words of some political figures with no honour or morals, amount to nothing more than Kiev exercising a right to self-defence. The provocative policy of the collective West of encouraging Ukrainian ringleaders to launch bloody strikes against Russian civilians will not go without a resolute response from us and will only add to Russian soldiers' motivation to achieve all the objectives of the special military

operation and permanently secure our borders, our country and its people against the Ukrainian terrorist threat. The criminal nature of the Kiev authorities and their deadly attacks against civilians confirm the complete intransigence of the Zelensky regime and its open unwillingness to resolve the conflict by political and diplomatic means.

The deputies of the State Duma call on the United Nations, international parliamentary organizations and the parliaments of countries around the world to condemn the bloody atrocities of the authorities in Kiev and to make a legal assessment of their continuing violations of the norms of international humanitarian law, mass war crimes and crimes against the peace and security of humankind. The State Duma expresses its full confidence that the instigators and perpetrators of the terrorist acts in Russian cities will face inevitable punishment, just like any other war criminals, and calls on all rational politicians to join forces to stop the senseless bloodshed.

But it is not enough now simply to condemn the neo-Nazi terrorists, although many Western politicians who have made double standards their credo lack the principles and responsibility even to do that. The Kiev regime, in its death throes, is becoming increasingly dangerous.

The deputies of the State Duma urge, and are ready for, constructive dialogue and interaction with all those who are interested in eradicating the terrorist threat and neo-Nazi ideas, and who profess not just in words but also in deeds the principles of good-neighbourliness, mutually beneficial cooperation and peaceful development.

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Chair of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly
of the Russian Federation

Moscow, 23 January 2024
