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**Letter dated 19 February 2024 from the Permanent Representative
of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement by the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the direct responsibility of the States of the collective West supplying weapons to the Kiev regime for the deaths of civilians in the Russian Federation (see annex).

I urge you to give a just and unbiased assessment of the facts set out in the document and to publicly condemn the atrocities committed by the Ukrainian authorities, supported by their Western allies.

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 31, 99 (g) and 109, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia

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Annex to the letter dated 19 February 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

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Statement by the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the direct responsibility of the States of the collective West supplying weapons to the Kiev regime for the deaths of civilians in the Russian Federation

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation strongly protests against the States of the collective West continuing to supply the Kiev regime with weapons, ammunition and military equipment, which are being used to kill civilians and destroy the civilian infrastructure of the Russian Federation.

The strikes carried out against the city of Belgorod on 30 December 2023 and against the city of Donetsk on 21 January 2024 were particularly cynical and cruel. Ukrainian armed groups used multiple rocket launcher systems to shell crowded public places, killing more than 50 people and wounding more than 130 citizens.

On 3 February 2024, formations of the Ukrainian armed forces shelled residential areas and civilian infrastructure in the city of Lisichansk, killing 28 residents, including a child.

To commit their bloody atrocities, Ukrainian armed groups use weapons, ammunition and military equipment supplied to Ukraine, in particular, by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic, the Czech Republic and a number of other States members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union. These weapons include high-mobility artillery rocket systems (HIMARS) of the United States, British-French Storm Shadow/SCALP cruise missiles and depleted uranium shells, German AT2 and French HPD F2 mines, which are dangerous to civilians, Czech-made Vampire multiple-launch rocket systems and numerous other types of Western-made military equipment.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation declares that the continued supply of weapons, ammunition and military equipment is turning the States of the collective West into direct accomplices to the crimes of the Kiev regime, which is responsible for the deaths of civilians, including women and children, the destruction of civilian infrastructure and gross violations of international law.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation calls on the parliaments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic, the Czech Republic and other States members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union to realize the direct responsibility of their countries for the loss of civilian lives as a result of attacks by Ukrainian armed groups on civilian infrastructure in the Russian Federation and to take immediate steps to stop the supply of weapons, ammunition and military equipment to the criminal regime in Kiev.

Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
