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Letter dated 4 February 2025 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 would like to draw your attention to yet another horrendous crime committed by the Kiev regime of which it cynically attempted to accuse the Russian Federation.

On 1 February, the Armed Forces of Ukraine launched a missile strike (detected by Russian air defence equipment) from the Sumy region on a boarding school in the Russian town of Sudzha in the Kursk region, where Russian civilians have been forcibly held since the beginning of the ill-fated Ukrainian incursion into Russian territory in August 2024. According to the letter from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations circulated on 2 February, the Kiev regime was well aware that dozens of local civilians were present in the building and, thus, targeted them deliberately.

The shelling of the civilian facility as well as ill-conceived attempts to shift the blame have once again demonstrated the terrorist and inhumane nature of the Kiev regime. This provocation by the Zelensky regime is also aimed at distracting attention from its numerous atrocities systematically committed in the Kursk region, including in the village of Russkoye Porechnoye.

On 2 February, the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation opened a criminal case against the commander of the nineteenth separate missile brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Colonel Rostislav Karpusha (article 205 (3) (b) of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation). He is suspected of giving an illegal order to his subordinates to launch a missile attack on the building of the boarding school in the town of Sudzha in the Kursk region. Measures are being taken to establish the whereabouts of R. Karpusha and his accomplices. Without any doubt, in the course of the investigation all the circumstances of the incident will be established. All the organizers and perpetrators of the crime will inevitably be brought to justice.



On the morning of 4 February, one more inhumane crime was perpetrated by the militants of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, whose drone attacked a school bus in the Vasilievskii municipal district in the Zaporozhye region of the Russian Federation. Five children were injured. The driver also suffered serious injuries, having received shrapnel wounds to the chest, an eye wound and facial burns. Luckily, no one was killed.

The blame for these terrorist attacks committed by the Kiev junta also lies with all countries that continue to recklessly pump Ukraine with arms, thus aiding and abetting its bloody criminal acts.

We call on all responsible Governments and international organizations, including the United Nations, to resolutely condemn these strikes and publicly distance themselves from the Kiev regime.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 32 (a), 80 and 110, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**
