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## **Letter dated 26 May 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I am writing to inform you of the ongoing terrorist attacks by the Russian Federation that deliberately target civilians and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine (see annex).

On the night of 26 May 2025, the Russian Federation launched its largest drone attack since the beginning of its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, using a total of 355 attack unmanned aerial vehicles, mostly Shahed drones, against Ukrainian cities and communities. In addition, Russia launched nine cruise missiles, targeting civilian areas.

These attacks were already the third consecutive night of combined Russian terror – attack drones and missiles. The geographic scope of the strikes stretched from the Chernihiv region to the Khmelnytskyi region and from the Kharkiv region to the Odesa region. As a result, civilians were injured and civilian infrastructure sustained significant damage. Ukrainian air defence units and emergency services worked throughout the night to mitigate the impact of these terrorist attacks.

These indiscriminate and escalated strikes have no legitimate military purpose. They are clearly intended to terrorize the civilian population and inflict destruction, demonstrating a blatant disregard for international humanitarian law and a deep contempt for international diplomacy.



The Russian Federation continues to act with a sense of impunity. The aggressor must end its war. And for that to happen, we must deprive them of the resources that fuel their will to fight. Russia's disregard for diplomacy and refusal even to consider a full and unconditional ceasefire must be met with increased sanctions.

We call on all responsible Member States to respond resolutely – by increasing sanctions against the Russian Federation, freezing Russian State assets and ending the import of Russian oil and related revenues that fuel Russia's war machine.

Given the persistent and ongoing nature of Russia's terrorist attacks and recognizing the urgent need for immediate intervention, I would appreciate your personal attention and the full utilization of all available instruments within the mandates of the relevant United Nations agencies to stop the terror and address these continued crimes by the Russian Federation against the civilian population and infrastructure in Ukraine.

The crime of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the Russian Federation further underscore Russia's non-compliance with the United Nations membership criteria set out in Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the inadmissibility of inaction regarding Russia's illegitimate presence in the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 62, 67, 80, 110, 132 and 135, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khrystyna **Hayovyshyn**  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.  
Deputy Permanent Representative

**Annex to the letter dated 26 May 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Consequences of Russia's attack on civilians in the Odesa region (26 May 2025)**







# Consequences of Russia's attack on civilians in the Khmelnytskyi region (26 May 2025)







Additional photographs and videos are available at the following links:

1. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/osiia-znovu-atakuvala-odeshhu-1>
2. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/riatuvalniki-likviduiut-masstabnu-pozezu-spricinenu-masovanoiu-atakoju-bpla-po-xarkivshhni>
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5. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/doneccina-riatuvalniki-dsns-likvidovuiut-naslidki-vorozix-atak>

*Source:* State Emergency Service of Ukraine.

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