



## Security Council briefing on Maintenance of Peace and Security of Ukraine, 30 October 2024

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Thank you, President, and I also thank (tbc) for their briefing.

Malta has joined other Council members in supporting Ukraine's call for today's meeting because we too are deeply worried, for various reasons, about the recent potential deployment of around 12,000 North Korean soldiers to the Russian Federation.

First, such military cooperation represents a dangerous escalation, and is a serious threat to the security of Europe and the Indo-Pacific.

Second, it constitutes a violation of Security Council resolutions.

Third, it adds yet another dimension to a conflict that has already been going on for two and a half years, widening it further.



Such reckless and provocative actions are just the latest in a long string of decisions that have emboldened the aggressor, prolonged the conflict, and compounded the suffering of the Ukrainian population. Let us not forget about the recent transfer of weapons and ammunition from Iran and DPRK to the Russian Federation, some of which were also in breach of Security Council resolutions.

We call on the DPRK and other States to stop supporting and enabling Russia's illegal war of aggression, and to refrain from any measures aimed at further fuelling the conflict.

President

Over the past few months, we have also witnessed a significant increase in missile and drone attacks on Ukrainian cities. These strikes have led to more civilian deaths and injuries, and have added more pressure to an already dire humanitarian situation.

Ensuring the protection of humanitarian space across Ukraine is essential. We express our concern over the incidents of violence against humanitarian workers and damage to humanitarian hubs and assets in the vicinity of the front line.



We again call for all parties to ensure the safety and security of all UN and humanitarian personnel and facilitate their life saving operations. The situation of children in temporarily controlled or occupied territories of Ukraine remains dire and in need of more humanitarian support.

Moreover, unrelenting attacks on Ukrainian civilian infrastructure, in particular on energy infrastructure, continue to have a direct impact on Ukraine's social and economic development, and on preparations for the upcoming winter months. We reiterate, in no uncertain terms, that all parties to the conflict must uphold IHL, and the principles of distinction and proportionality.

President

The world cannot afford to lose sight of the conflict in Ukraine. Wars of aggression constitute a serious violation of the UN Charter. They are an affront to the principles and values that unite us. They must never be normalised, justified, or rationalised. A world in which might is right is something that we can never accept.

We must therefore focus our energies to reach a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in Ukraine. This senseless and unjustified war must be brought to an end.



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The Russian Federation must withdraw all its troops from the internationally recognised borders of Ukraine, and Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity must be restored.

Until that day comes, Ukraine has a right to defend itself in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter.

I thank you.