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Thank you, President, and I also thank Director Ebo for his briefing. I have also taken note of the view expressed by Mr. Szamuely.

We regret to see that the Russian Federation persists in using the Council's time and resources to express its dissatisfaction with how the victim, Ukraine, is defending itself against this aggression.

Requests for such meetings are nothing more than futile attempts to try to justify the unjustifiable. The facts are clear. Through its decision to invade Ukraine on 24 February 2022, the Russian Federation took a conscious decision to violate the UN Charter and international law while exploiting its Permanent Seat on the Security Council.

Neither can we forget that the Russian Federation, has also procured weapons and ammunition from Iran and DPRK, some of which in violation of Security Council resolutions, and just received 12,000 soldiers from DPRK.



President

As we approach the thousandth-day mark from the start of this conflict, it is important that this Council continues to take stock of the devastating impact this illegal war has had on Ukraine.

The relentless bombing of Ukraine's civilian infrastructure, ports, and the intensity of missile and drone attacks on Ukrainian cities in recent months, have continued to exacerbate the humanitarian crisis. Unfortunately, the reprehensible loss of life and suffering since the start of this war is on the increase.

We also condemn the systematic attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, which have reduced Ukraine's energy production capacity and put additional pressure as we approach the winter months.

Malta continues to call for full and unfettered access for all humanitarian workers currently operating on the ground. We are deeply concerned over the incidents of violence against humanitarian workers in the vicinity of the front line.



Malta reiterates that international humanitarian law and international human rights law must be fully adhered to by all parties at all times.

We stress the need for full accountability for all crimes committed by Russia in Ukraine. We reaffirm our support to the ongoing work of the ICC, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine and the Register of Damage. We also reiterate our support for the establishment of a special tribunal for the prosecution of the crime of aggression against Ukraine.

In closing, President, let me reiterate that Ukraine has a right to defend itself under Article 51 of the UN Charter. We once again call on the Russian Federation to immediately end the war it started, and withdraw all its troops and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders.

I thank you.