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Ambassador Meirav Eilon Shahr
Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations in Geneva

Thank you, Mr. President,

Israel takes note of the oral update of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry in Ukraine.

Israel reiterates its position regarding the Russian attack on Ukraine, which constitutes a serious violation of the international order. We condemn it. Israel also expresses its grave concern regarding the further escalation of hostilities in Ukraine over the past six months, including reports of systematic violations of International Humanitarian Law and human rights.

Israel is also extremely concerned about reports of atrocities carried out against civilians, including the execution of civilians and the discovery of mass graves in areas such as Bucha and Izium.

The human rights of the Ukrainian people must be respected and protected.

Mr. President

Israel continues to call upon all parties to enable safe passage to civilians and ensure rapid and unhindered humanitarian access.

The suffering of Ukrainian citizens is immense, and Israel continues to provide humanitarian and medical assistance to the people of Ukraine. Everything must also be done to ensure the protection of the lives of the Ukrainian people and to adhere to the standards of international humanitarian law.

I thank you.