

Ladies and gentlemen,

Ukraine recognizes and respects the UN crucial role in global efforts to combat international terrorism.

Unfortunately, some countries have incorporated terrorism into their state policy.

Russia has discarded all provisions of international conventions that are fundamental to human rights, such as the European Convention on Human Rights and European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism.

It has been proven by independent observers that Russia deliberately targets Ukrainian civilians and civilian infrastructure with its missiles, uses forced deportation, public executions etc.

This year, you could have already seen scary footage of a destroyed residential building in Dnipro. A few weeks ago, the world was once again shocked by photos from Zaporizhzhia, where a Russian missile hit an apartment block where civilians were sleeping at night.

Total verified loss of killed civilians is now 8 173 persons.

The country-sponsor of terrorism has become a sponsor of trouble, grief, death and destruction for Ukrainians.

Meanwhile, in the territories occupied by Russia, the meaning of terrorism is associated with execution for singing Ukrainian national songs or Anthem of Ukraine, as well as for saying the words “Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the heroes!”

We need to find mechanisms to ensure that the greatest evil of the 21st century is punished, and that the top political and military leadership of the Russian Federation is in the dock!

The creation of paramilitary youth structures by Russia, such as «the Youth Army», continues to promote war and violence for the future of nations in the 21st century.

That is why we need:

1. To isolate Russia at all levels.
2. To develop a legal mechanism at the UN level to recognize states as sponsors of terrorism and include Russia in the list.
3. To establish an international tribunal for Russia’s crime of aggression.

I believe, that together, we will stop Russian terrorism. This evil will not evade responsibility for the crimes it has caused.

Thank you!