

STATEMENT BY UNITED STATES

- It has been nearly nine months since Russia launched a full-scale war in Ukraine and brought catastrophic loss of life and human suffering, and environmental damage. Russia alone is responsible for the death and destruction this attack has brought, and the world must hold Russia to account.
- Russia's actions constitute a clear violation of Article 2 of the United Nations Charter, which states that all member states shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.
- We call upon the Russian government to immediately cease its use of force against Ukraine and refrain from any further unlawful threat or use of force against any UN member state. We join Secretary-General Guterres's urgent plea for Russia to immediately withdraw all its military forces from the territory of Ukraine.