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**Statement by the delegations of Ukraine and Georgia
on the Item Peaceful Settlement of Disputes**

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Mr. Chair,

On the edge of 40th anniversary of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes I would like to draw your attention to the situation in Ukraine.

Yesterday President of the Russian Federation has announced the start of the new wave of aggression against Ukraine, a new war, a full-scale armed conflict in the very heart of Europe.

Aggressor state crossed borders, launched missiles on cities, attacked with aviation, tanks and artillery. Russia simultaneously attacks Ukraine from the East, South, North and by air.

This is an act of war, an attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, a brutal violation of the UN Charter and basic norms and principles of the international law.

Thus Ukraine has activated its right to self-defense in accordance with international law.

As a result of Russia's attacks, 40 Ukrainian servicemen and dozens of civilians were killed, several dozens of Ukrainian military wounded, and infrastructure ruined. Those are results of only the first several hours of war, unleashed by Kremlin regime after months of saber rattling and blackmailing.

Mr. Chair,

The last time we saw such actions was the Second World War, when another totalitarian ruler decided he had the right to re-draw borders of the sovereign states in Europe and bring death and misery to millions of people only to realize his perverted wishes.

I want to ask all delegations present here: is this the way to maintain peace and security enshrined in the UN Charter? When one person declares, that it going to invade Sovereign state, UN founding member, under the guise of protection against the threats posed to them?

Ukraine stands firm for its freedom, but this is a threat not only to Ukraine's peace and security, but to the peace and security of the entire Europe. Who can feel secure knowing that they may be attacked at any time? If the world does not stop Putin, the world will suffer.

I thank you!