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Letter dated 17 April 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to item 67 of the agenda of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, entitled “The situation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine”.

The consideration of the item at the plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 20 February 2019 revealed significant and close attention of the international community to the issue of unlawful military actions by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which continued to undermine international peace and security, thus requiring urgent and meaningful actions by the United Nations (see [A/73/818](#)).

In this regard, I would like to draw attention to the explanatory memorandum submitted by Ukraine with the request for the inclusion of the item in the agenda of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (see [A/73/193](#)).

In the memorandum, consideration of which laid the groundwork for the adoption by the General Assembly of the decision on the inclusion of the item in the agenda of its seventy-third session, it was stipulated that “close attention to this issue with its consideration by the General Assembly has to be consistently maintained until the violations committed as a result of foreign occupation of parts of the territory of Ukraine are duly dealt with and the territorial integrity of Ukraine is fully restored”.

The debate on 20 February 2019 also clearly demonstrated that the item should remain on the active agenda of the General Assembly and be further considered until the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders is restored.

Taking into account the persistence of military foreign aggression against Ukraine and the temporary occupation of parts of its territory by the Russian Federation, I hereby request that the item entitled “The situation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine” be retained on the agenda of the General Assembly and, therefore, included in the draft agenda of its seventy-fourth session.



I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter distributed as a document of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 67.

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