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Letter dated 19 March 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to draw your attention to the following information provided by the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation on 19 March 2022:

1. A surrendered officer of the Ukrainian special services reported that radicals from “Azov” Nazi battalions are planning false-flag terrorist attacks in Lvov against the diplomatic missions of the United States and other countries. The Kyiv regime plans to present these attacks on diplomatic facilities as ones conducted by the Russian Armed Forces;
2. We received information that Ukrainian nationalists have mined storage facilities with ammonia and chlorine at a chemical plant in Sumy in order to poison residents if the Russian Armed Forces enter the city;
3. We know that Ukrainian militants have brought containers with chemical substances to a school building in the village of Kotlyarovo in the Mykolaiv region. They are planned to be blown up when the Russian Armed Forces approach.

In our view, regardless of the military developments on the ground, the usage of chlorine against the civilian population deserves condemnation in the strongest possible terms. We expect the United Nations Secretariat to give an objective assessment of these inhumane plans.

We are informing you of this well in advance so that you are not deceived by the eventual presentation of these planned provocations as something committed by the Russian Armed Forces.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia

