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## Letter dated 28 August 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in connection with the illegal visit of the President of the Russian Federation to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, territory of Ukraine temporarily occupied by Russia (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 31 (a) and 63, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sergiy Kyslytsya Ambassador Permanent Representative





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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in connection with the illegal visit of the President of the Russian Federation to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine – territory of Ukraine temporarily occupied by Russia

27 August 2020

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest over another "visit" of President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin to the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which began on 27 August 2020 and yet again was not agreed with Ukraine.

Ukraine continues to consider this "visit", as well as all others trips of Russian officials to the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which were not agreed with Ukraine, as a gross violation of state sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, cynical and demonstrative neglect by the Russian Side of generally recognized norms and principles of international law, including the UN Charter, UN General Assembly resolutions, obligations of the Russian Federation under bilateral and multilateral treaties, to which Ukraine and the Russian Federation are parties.

The construction of the road, as well as any other actions of the occupying power, can in no way change the constitutionally established status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as an integral part of the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders.

Ukraine will consistently work to expand national and international sanctions against individuals and legal entities involved in illegal activities in the territories of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation.

A Note Verbal with the protest was sent to the Russian Foreign Ministry in connection with the "visit" of the President of the Russian Federation to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol.

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