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**Letter dated 1 May 2019 from the Permanent Representative of
Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine dated 30 April 2019 in relation to the ongoing violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine by the Russian Federation (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 item 67, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in relation to the ongoing violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine by the Russian Federation

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest in relation to the commencement of the functioning, in the territory of the Rostov region of the Russian Federation, of centres for the issuance of passports of the Russian Federation to citizens of Ukraine residing in territories of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine temporarily occupied by Russia.

In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs once again emphasizes that the above-mentioned internationally wrongful acts of the Kremlin grossly violate the State sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Through its actions, Russia clearly demonstrates its absolute disregard for the norms and principles of international law. By deliberately choosing a course for escalation, the Russian Federation also fundamentally undermines the Minsk agreements, to which it is a party.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine once again states that the Kremlin's unlawful decisions aimed at facilitating the receipt of Russian citizenship by citizens of Ukraine are null and void and are not recognized by Ukraine. They do not in any way alter the affiliation of Ukrainian citizenship of the residents of certain territories of the Donetsk and Lugansk regions temporarily occupied by Russia, as defined by the Constitution and legislation of Ukraine.

We categorically demand that the Russian Federation immediately stop its internationally wrongful acts against the State sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and abolish the changes to the federal laws of the Russian Federation on issues of citizenship in terms of facilitating the procedure for its acquisition by citizens of Ukraine, as well as the decrees of the President of Russia of 24 April 2019, No. 183, and of 18 February 2017, No. 74, and all decisions taken in order to implement them.

Ukraine appeals to international partners not to recognize and not to accept documents issued by the Russian Federation to Ukrainian citizens residing in territories temporarily occupied by Russia in the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine in violation of the Constitution and legislation of Ukraine, as well as any acts in connection with such documents.

We also renew our consistent request for the consolidation of political and diplomatic pressure on the Kremlin urging it to comply with the norms and principles of international law, including by extending personal and sectoral sanctions against the aggressor State.
