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**Letter dated 17 September 2021 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 on the illegal organization and holding by the Russian Federation of elections in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine (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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Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 17 September 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the illegal organization and holding by the Russian Federation of elections in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine**

17 September 2021

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine strongly protests and condemns the illegal organization and holding by the Russian Federation of elections of deputies to the State Duma of the Russian Federation in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol on September 17–19, 2021 as well as compelling Ukrainian citizens with illegally issued Russian passports to take part in these elections in the temporarily occupied territories in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. We consider the organization and holding of illegal voting as continuation of Russia's gross violations of state sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

These actions of the Russian Federation also severely violate the fundamental principles and norms of international law, Russia's obligations under international agreements to which both Ukraine and Russia are parties, and the Ukrainian legislation. They also contradict the UN Charter, UN General Assembly Resolutions [A/RES/68/262](#) of 27 March 2014, [A/RES/71/205](#) of 19 December 2016, [A/RES/72/190](#) of 19 December 2017, [A/RES/73/194](#) of 17 December 2018, [A/RES/73/263](#) of 22 December 2018, [A/RES/74/17](#) of 9 December 2019, [A/RES/74/168](#) of 18 December 2019, [A/RES/75/29](#) of 7 December 2020 and [A/RES/75/192](#) of 16 December 2020, the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe of 1 August 1975.

The holding of elections by the Russian Federation in the temporarily occupied territories of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol is illegal and their results will be null and void.

Involvement of Ukrainian citizens, living in the temporarily occupied territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, along with almost 1.5 million voters currently living in the temporarily occupied Crimea, will significantly distort the results of the elections to the State Duma of the Russian Federation and call into question their legitimacy in whole.

All those involved in organizing and conducting illegal voting in the temporarily occupied Crimea, as well as organizing participation in these elections of Ukrainian citizens with illegally issued Russian passports in the temporarily occupied territories in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, will be held responsible in line with Ukrainian law.

We call on all states and international organizations to strongly condemn Russia's illegal actions, clearly state non-recognition of election results in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and affirm the illegitimacy of the Russian State Duma. We also call to increase political and diplomatic pressure on the Russian Federation, including by strengthening sanctions.

We demand from the Russian Federation to stop occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, as well as parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, put an end to illegal activities in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and fully implement relevant decisions of international organizations and international courts.