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**Financial Action Task Force
President
Mr. T. Raja KUMAR**

Dear Mr. KUMAR!

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your personal attention to issues of the integrity of the international financial system and the trust between the Global Network participants.

Under conditions of bloody war, waged by the Russian Federation (RF) against peaceful Ukraine, our country continues to take purposeful and persistent actions to enhance the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, and support increasing of the level of international cooperation in this area with foreign countries.

We are grateful to the FATF for adoption and publication of the recent Statement severely limiting the RF's rights as a FATF member-state and establishing the monitoring of the situation with the RF.

Currently, the international community has the opportunity to see every day that the FATF decision has not removed the relevance of the issue of the exclusion of the RF from the FATF members. On the contrary, taking into account the recent terrible events that happened in Ukraine, the issue of tough sanctions against the RF has become more important and urgent.

The RF in the worst traditions of its imperial ideology takes even more aggressive and blatant actions in the territory of Ukraine.

June-August of 2022 have been recognized as unprecedented by the scale and brutality attacks of the RF on Ukraine: the destruction of the shopping centre as a result of a missile strike on Kremenchuk; a missile strike on the central part of Vinnytsia; a missile strike on Chasiv Yar; constant rocket attacks on Mykolaiv and Kharkiv; terrorist act in Olenivka etc.

The RF is purposely shelling Kharkiv residential districts creating another Aleppo in 2016, Grozny in 1996 and Warsaw in 1945.

As of today, more than 3 thousand missiles launches into the territory of Ukraine have been identified. There were different types of the missiles: air – air-to surface; tactical operational complex – “Tochka U”; cruise – “Kalibr”, “Iskander”, “Onix” (“Bastion” coast complex) as well as “Kinzhal”.

From the beginning of its aggression, the RF has made in total 22 thousand strikes on civil objects, of which only about 1% were military targets¹.

The exact number of air bombs and multiple rocket launcher rockets that landed on Ukrainian settlements is impossible to count. There have been millions of them during months of the war.

As a result of these criminal actions, from the beginning of the full-scale russian invasion till July 24, 2022, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has established 12 272 victims among Ukrainian civilians.

Moreover, according to The Washington Post study², from the beginning of the war in 2014 russian occupiers seized Ukraine’s coal, oil, gas and metals deposits totaling USD 12.4 trillion. The RF currently controls 63% of the Ukrainian coal deposits, 42% of metals deposits, 20% of natural gas deposits and 11% of oil deposits.

During the bloody war against Ukraine, committing terrible crimes against humanity (mass killings of civilians, tortures, rapes, establishing concentration camps to “filter people”, committing genocide) and in such manner, violating a number of international conventions and obligations, the RF resorted to the use of weapons of mass destruction.

Russians continue to commit terrorist acts in the occupied by them Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant. They transformed Europe’s biggest nuclear plant into a military base, using it as a nuclear shield.³

The mentioned actions are nothing else than a nuclear terrorism acts against Ukraine, other countries and international organizations.

It is well known, that North Korea and Iran pose significant risks of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, making, in particular nuclear weapons. Unlike the mentioned countries, the RF as a country, possessing a nuclear arsenal, seizes a nuclear plant and transforms it into a nuclear bomb to blackmail Ukraine, the continent and the whole world.

As we can see, events unfold too quickly. All mentioned above pose significant threats to the existence of all alive on the continent, not to mention the integrity of the Global financial system. The FATF cannot stay aside and has to react within its mandate.

¹ <https://bit.ly/3JUvbIN>

² <https://wapo.st/3bRaznU>

³ <https://reut.rs/3PyOnoX>

It is well known fact that the RF's war in Ukraine has already decreased the global GDP level and led to the growth of the global inflation, and due to the blockade of the Ukrainian ports, the global food crisis has appeared.

We are confident that such actions of the RF have to be adequately and severely assessed which will become a precedent for those countries that will be trying to commit crimes against humanity and terrorizing the whole world.

Thus, in addition to our previous appeals (letters of 27.02.2022 № 1-BC/210-09, of 04.03.2022 № 3-BC/210-09, of 05.03.2022 № 5-BC/210-09, of 15.03.2022 № 630/210-09, of 25.03.2022 № 681/210-09-1, of 04.04.2022 № 727/210-09-1, of 04.04.2022 № 728/210-09-1, of 17.05.2022 № 1137/210-09-1), we request to exclude the RF from the FATF members.

We ask you to consider this issue at the next Plenary meeting.

Moreover, we would like to inform you that we are preparing additional arguments, which will be sent to ICRG, according to the established procedure, to make an inevitable and fair decision on the RF's inclusion in the FATF sanction list.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Head



Igor CHERKASKYI