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Note Verbale dated 13 August 2020 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine transmitting the Commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine of August 12, 2020 in connection with the illegal military exercises of the Black Sea fleet of the Russian Federation in the territories of the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, in its capacity as the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and has the honor to transmit herewith the Commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine of August 12, 2020 in connection with the illegal military exercises of the Black Sea fleet of the Russian Federation in the territories of the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests that the attached Commentary be registered and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, in its capacity as the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in connection with the illegal military exercises of the Black Sea fleet of the Russian Federation in the territories of the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol

August 12, 2020

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine considers the illegal exercises of the Black Sea fleet of the Russian Federation, which started on August 10, 2020 in the territories of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation, as yet another evidence of the blatant disdain by the Russian Federation of the norms and principles of international law, including the UN Charter, resolutions of the UN General Assembly, as well as the effective legislation of Ukraine.

The organization of the mentioned military exercises is also an obvious illustration of Russia's deliberate steps to escalate tensions in the Azov-Black Sea region, threatening regional and European security.

Ukraine condemns the illegal demonstration by the Russian Federation of its "military power", as well as actions aimed at further militarization of the temporarily occupied territories of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The Russian Federation must immediately cease its internationally wrongful acts against the state sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

A relevant note of protest has been forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
