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On Ukraine**

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Mr. President,

Mozambique wishes to thank Under-Secretary-General Rosemary DiCarlo for her useful briefing. We welcome the participation of the distinguished Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations.

Mr. President,

In his final address of the year, last December, Secretary General António Guterres expressed his cautious hope that the year 2023 would bring an end to this conflict, a hope we then wholeheartedly embraced.

But after almost a year of armed conflict, the war shows little sign of abating. The conflict appears to thread a narrow path of escalation.

We are deeply concerned that Europe, a continent at the origin of two tragic world wars and the epicenter

of a long cold-war, is again presenting to the world a gloomy situation.

We wish to remind ourselves that the concept of collective security - that the security of one is the security of all - was at the center of the creation of the United Nations. It is a concept enshrined in the Charter and cherish by all peace-loving nations. In this connection, we can only welcome the efforts of this body to address the issue.

Mr. President,

Mozambique holds the view that there should be an immediate cessation of hostilities and a return to direct negotiations between the belligerent parties. Those negotiations should be conducted in good faith by both parties.

We defend that humanitarian work be given a high priority.

Finally, we see the need and importance in shoring up the platform that led to the Black Sea initiative

with the support of the Secretary General's Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance.

I thank you!