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Letter dated 30 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the issue of the voting process on amendments to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, which began on 25 June 2020 and will last until 1 July 2020. As you may be aware, the “voting” on amendments was also organized by the Russian occupation administration in the Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine, in particular in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

Ukraine strongly condemns such “voting” in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and is confident that it contradicts basic norms and principles of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 68/262, entitled “Territorial integrity of Ukraine”, as well as legislation of Ukraine.

We also believe that the participation of citizens of Ukraine in such “voting”, using Russian passports forcibly imposed on the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, distorts the results of the all-Russian vote. Its “results” will be null and void and will have no legal consequences.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol are and will remain an integral part of the sovereign Ukrainian State and covered by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine. All those involved in the illegal organization and conduct of the “voting” in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine will be held to account in accordance with the current legislation of Ukraine.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to request all United Nations Member States, as well as the United Nations bodies and agencies, to condemn the conduct of “voting” in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine.



I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 31 (a), 63 and 70 (c), and of the Security Council.

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