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Letter dated 21 October 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I would like to draw your attention to the plans of the Kiev regime to destroy the Kakhovskaya hydroelectric dam in Kherson province. In particular, Ukrainian forces are considering launching sea mines downstream the Dnieper River or a massive missile strike. We are also registering air strikes targeting the locks of the electric power station with the intention to raise the river level.

Such a reckless Ukrainian attack would result in catastrophic flooding of the nearby territories and irreparable damage to the city of Kherson itself. It might cost thousands of innocent lives. The authorities in Kiev and their Western backers will bear full responsibility for all the consequences of such a devastating scenario.

To avoid such a threat to civilians, a large-scale evacuation of citizens from the right bank of the Dnieper River is currently being carried out by Russia.

I urge you to do everything in your power to prevent this heinous crime from happening.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia

