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**Explanation of Vote after the vote
by
His Excellency Dr. Suriya Chindawongse
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**at the 10th plenary meeting
of the 11th Emergency Special Session
of the United Nations General Assembly**

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Mr. President,

1. Thailand voted to abstain on the resolution because of the overriding importance that we attach to a transparent, impartial, and inclusive approach in the multilateral regime. A decision to suspend the membership of a Member State in any United Nations' body cannot be taken lightly. The process must be done through careful consultations, based on principles, verified facts, and taking into account constructive opinions as well as foreseeable consequences.

2. We express our deepest condolences to the people of Ukraine and the bereaved families who lost their loved ones from the ongoing war in Ukraine.

3. We are deeply concerned with the escalation of conflicts and humanitarian crises in Ukraine. While believing that prompt action must be taken in response to all alleged human rights atrocities against civilians, including in Bucha, we are of the view that any action taken should be impartial, transparent, and comprehensive.

4. To objectively consider the situations, it would require well-rounded established facts and additional concrete evidence proven by reliable sources, including those presented to international courts. We thus support the UNSG's call for an independent investigation to ensure accountability and hope that the Independent International Commission of Inquiry established by the HRC would be able to commence its work soonest to investigate the serious allegations in an impartial, transparent, and comprehensive manner.

5. We strongly urge all parties to fully comply with international humanitarian law and international human rights law and to protect civilians and civilian objects as well as ensure unhindered provision of humanitarian assistance without discrimination. Another life lost is another life too many.

6. On our part, Thailand continues to provide humanitarian assistance to support those suffering from the conflict in Ukraine. In line with the HRC's principles of non-selectivity and constructive dialogue, we reiterate our strong support of the continuation of political dialogues, as the only way to end a humanitarian crisis is to end the dispute. Thus, Thailand, once again, calls for utmost efforts by all parties and the international community to cease and desist the aggravation of fighting and continue our maximum endeavour on ending the conflict.

7. Thailand reiterates our calls for continuation of political dialogues between the concerned parties to find peaceful and sustainable solutions.

Thank you.
