

**Mr. Vitrenko (Ukraine):** To be fully consistent with the agenda for today's meeting, let me once again quote from the statement made by Ukraine's Vice-Prime Minister, which was probably lost in translation for some delegations.

Women make up 58 per cent, or almost 1 million, of the 1.7 million internally displaced persons in Ukraine. This is all an undisputed direct consequence of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, aggression that has been recognized worldwide, including by the General Assembly, which unequivocally qualified the Russian Federation as an occupying Power in my country.

As such, and if Russia is so concerned about the fate of women in the territories it occupies in my country, it should stop sending troops, weapons and ammunition to eastern Ukraine. Until that happens, Russia is not in a position to lecture others on a situation it intentionally created and continues to stir up.

As for the so-called humanitarian assistance provided by Russia to Ukraine, I just wonder who is to thank for that — probably its proxies in Donbas, since, for example, the last so-called humanitarian convoy contained at least two modern Russian tanks and a full load of ammunition for them. Nice example indeed.

Finally, there are hundreds of Ukrainian prisoners in Russian captivity. We are doing everything in our power to get them out of Russian prisons, irrespective of their gender or political views. Once free from captivity, some of them carry out, in a completely free manner, an active political life and occupy high-profile political posts, including in the Parliament.