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Dear Sir/Dear Madam,

Please find enclosed our Note Verbale for your kind attention.

Kind regards,

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The Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and has the honour to inform on the following.

On 20 September 2026, the Russian Federation is scheduled to hold elections to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly, including by organizing illegal voting in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine.

The occupying authorities have established seven single-member electoral districts in the temporarily occupied parts of the Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk and Kherson regions. Besides that, four single-member districts will operate in the temporarily occupied territories of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

In accordance with the decision of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation (Resolution No. 199/15418 of 25 April 2025) and Federal Law of the Russian Federation No. 107-FZ of 23 May 2025, the following single-member districts have been established in the temporarily occupied territories: three in the territory of the so-called "donetsk people's republic/DPR" (Makiivka No. 13, Donetsk No. 14, Horlivka No. 15), two in the territory of the so-called "luhansk people's republic/LPR" (Luhansk No. 25, Alchevsk No. 26), as well as one district each in the temporarily occupied territories of the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions of Ukraine.

The Russian side estimates the number of voters in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine at approximately 5.5 million people.

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Ukraine's position on the holding of illegal elections in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine is as follows:

- the Russian Federation continues its attempts to legitimize its temporary occupation of the part of the territory of Ukraine by extending Russian legislation and unlawfully integrating the occupied territories into the political and legal space of the Russian Federation;
- any electoral processes organized by the Russian Federation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine are illegal, contradict international law, the UN Charter, and numerous resolutions of the UN General Assembly on the territorial integrity of Ukraine;
- attempts to conduct elections to the State Duma of the Russian Federation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine will not be legitimate, the results of such elections will not have any legal consequences;
- the inclusion of persons elected in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, including in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, into the State Duma, will put in doubt the legitimacy of this legislative body of the Russian Federation;
- the participation of foreign citizens in the so-called "international observation" of illegal elections in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine will be regarded as a violation of the legislation of Ukraine, a disregard for its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and will entail corresponding legal consequences in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

Highly appreciating Netherlands' steadfast support of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, the Embassy, requests that this information be circulated among the relevant Dutch authorities.

The Embassy also kindly solicit that relevant statements be made condemning yet another attempt by the Russian Federation to organize illegal elections in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine to legitimize its occupation of Ukrainian territory.

The Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Hague, 5 August 2026