Mr President,

Brazil voted in favour on draft resolution L.5. As we recently stated in the Security Council, Brazil does not believe populations in areas of conflict are able to freely express their opinion by means of referenda. The results thereof do not constitute a valid expression of their will and cannot be considered legitimate.

We voted in favour also because we stand by the principle of territorial integrity of Ukraine, as of all member states. International law and the UN Charter must be respected and preserved.
Mr President,

Inasmuch as the facilitators have shown flexibility we were disappointed that our proposal to include a clear message urging the parties to cease hostilities and engage in peace negotiations was not included in the draft.

Our role is to make room for a peaceful resolution of the conflict to emerge through diplomacy and political dialogue. To this end, we must unite in deescalating tensions instead of fostering antagonizing views. We must avoid the crystallization of positions and fuelling disputes, to the detriment of civilian populations on the ground.

Mr President,

Lastly, but very importantly, Brazil is deeply concerned with all implicit or explicit threats involving the use of nuclear weapons in connection with the conflict. Any use of nuclear weapons is unacceptable and would cause catastrophic humanitarian consequences.
Opening avenues for dialogue is our only option out of the conflict.

I thank you.