



**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
at the 756-th FSC Plenary Meeting**  
(4 June 2014 at 10.00, Hofburg)

Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished colleagues,

I take the floor to update the FSC plenary meeting on security and military aspects of situation in and around Ukraine as it is being developed in recent days.

First of all, let me draw your attention to the Statement of the MFA of Ukraine issued on 30 May 2014 in connection with the latest in the long row of the blatant violations of the state Russian-Ukrainian border from territory of the Russian Federation. Russian side continues to provoke violence and support the activities of terrorists and armed militants, which kill and terrorize peaceful inhabitants of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine. On the same day an official note with protest was sent to the Russian side requesting clarifications concerning gross violations of the state border with Ukraine as the result of attempts of armed persons to penetrate to the territory of Ukraine from the Russian side of the border.

Thus, in the night on 30 May Ukrainian border guards arrested 5 armed persons, which attempted to illegally cross the border from N.Nadezhda (RF) to Dibrivka (Ukraine). Using two minivans “Gazel” these persons escorted the shipment which contained 27 sub-machine-gun AK, 2 pistols, 4 machine-guns, 5 grenade-launchers “Muha”, 5 sniper rifles, 197 hand grenades, 74 boxes with ammunitions of the caliber 7,62 mm. and 12,6 mm., 2 air-defense calibrated back-sights. The photo-proofs related to this incident may be easily found on the MFA of Ukraine web-page.

It is also worth noting that on 28 May 2014 in the area where the ATO is being carried out, Ukrainian security forces intercepted the illegal flight of the unmanned aerial vehicle “Orlan – 10”, manufactured in the Russian Federation. Competent authorities of Ukraine carry out the expertise of the unknown chemical substance which was found in this drone. Ukrainian side for several times informed the Russian Federation about numerous violations of the state Russian-Ukrainian border from the Russian territory, as well as Ukrainian air-space, and considers these facts as aggressive actions and outward neglect of Russian commitments pursuant to Geneva Agreements, reached on 17 April 2014. Ukraine expressed its resolute protest in view of the inactions by the Russian authorities, in particular Border Service of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation and called on the Russian Federation to stop immediately supply and support of the fighters and terrorists, which pose threat to life and security of Ukrainian citizens.

Taking into consideration continuous penetration of armed militants to Ukraine from the territory of the Russian Federation, numerous cases of their terrorist activities in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine, MFA of Ukraine on 2 June 2014 again expressed protest regarding Kremlin`s policy, aimed at military, logistic, economic and financial support of terrorist organizations “DNR” and “LNR”. Particular preoccupation is caused by statements of some official representatives of the Russian Federation, namely Ramsan Kadyrov, which confirmed the intention to strengthen the terrorist ranks by relevant special units of the Russian Federation.

The fighters from both mentioned terrorist organizations, known for their inhuman treatment of civilians, looting and robbing, seizure and destruction of infrastructure, continue to commit killings and tortures. By supporting them the Russian side violates its obligations

pursuant to the voluminous set of the international legal instruments, aimed at preventing and combatting international terrorism, particularly, provisions of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism dated on 9 December 1999, Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism dated on 16 May 2005. This policy also contradicts to the principle, enshrined in the UN GA declarations dated on 24 October 1970 (2625 (XXV)) and on 9 December 1994 (49/60) and confirmed by UNSC Resolution №1189, dated on 13 August 1998, according to which every UN member-state should “refrain from organizing, instigating, assisting or participating in terrorist acts in another state or acquiescing in organized activities within its territory directed towards the commission of such acts”.

Furthermore, the direction from the territory of the Russian Federation to Ukraine of the well-trained and armed Russian mercenaries cannot be qualified otherwise than export of terrorism to Ukraine. Together with military exercises of the Russian Armed Forces deliberately carried out alongside the state border of Ukraine, systematic violations of Ukrainian air-space by the Russian aircraft, mining of Ukraine’s territory along the administrative line between Kherson oblast and Autonomous Republic of Crimea by anti-personnel and anti-vehicle landmines, such actions constitute conscious and blatant violation of the duty to refrain from the threat or use of force in their mutual relations, principles of non-interference into internal affairs and respect to territorial integrity and sovereignty, established in the UN Charter.

Ukrainian side calls on the Russian Federation to stop immediately coordinating and organizing terrorist activities, instigating and assisting in any form the terrorist organizations, acting in the east of Ukraine, including sending Russian armed saboteurs to Ukraine.

Mr. Chairman,

At the 755-th FSC plenary meeting Russian delegation touched upon some aspects of the training activities held by the Ukrainian Air-Forces from 12 till 22 May 2014 in Mykolaiv oblast. Exhaustive information about these training activities was presented at the web-site of the Ukrainian MoD. During these training activities 175 sorties by tactic and transport aircraft and more than 30 sorties by helicopters were carried out. According to paragraph 40.1.2 of the Vienna document “the participation of air forces of the pS will be included in the notification if it is foreseen that in the course of the activity 200 or more sorties by aircraft, excluding helicopters, will be flown”. In our particular case the number of sorties by aircraft is less than 200 and therefore was not subject to notification pursuant to paragraph 40.1.2. Information released by the Ukrainian MoD for the media related to the total number of sorties carried out by aircraft and helicopters together.

Ukrainian side also noted Russian observation that training activities of Ukrainian Air-Forces took place some 140 kilometers from Russian territory. We checked our maps and did not find internationally recognized state border of Ukraine with the Russian Federation at this particular distance from the training area of the Ukraine.

Mr. Chairman,

Despite some positive signs that part of Russian troops, which participated in the military exercises alongside the borders with Ukraine, are in preparation to leave or are leaving these areas, further meaningful steps of the Russian side in this connection are expected. Their reliable verification and confirmation remain matters of great urgency and utmost importance. In this regard application of military transparency measures pursuant, in particular, to the Vienna Document are highly relevant and we call upon the Russian side to

make use of such measures in good faith, in line with the letter, as well as the spirit of the Vienna Document.

Verification mechanisms stipulated in the Vienna Document are an asset for all of us and should be used consistently, effectively and fully to ensure military transparency and predictability in each and every region of the OSCE.

In the present security environment, taking into account the illegal annexation of the integral part of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and continuous effect of the Decree “On the use of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine”, adopted by the Federal Council of the Russian Federation on 1 March 2014, Ukraine requests the Russian side to show utmost military transparency concerning the militarily significant military activities which take place in West and South Military districts of the Russian Federation.

This request fully applies to the current military exercises in the Western military district, which include flights of the long-range aviation and missile launches.

In conclusion let me again call on the Russian Federation to revoke the mentioned decree of the Federal Council of the Russian Federation, ensure complete return of the Russian troops from the borders with Ukraine to their permanent bases, in accordance with the orders issued by the Russian President on 19 May 2014, and to stop supplies of manpower and weapons to terrorists, acting on Ukraine`s territory.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.