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**On the ongoing crimes by the Kyiv regime and the dangerous policies of the Western alliance countries to exacerbate tensions**

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to start with a quote: “I’m grateful to ... every American who understands that freedom in the world can only stand when America is strong, and when there is no doubt among the enemies of the free world about American leadership.” You would think that this is a speech by a representative of the United States of America. Not at all. These are the sentiments publicly voiced on 30 October this year by the leader of the puppet regime in Kyiv, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, for whom the place and role of Americans and the United States in the world and ensuring their global dominance are far more important than the fate of Ukraine and the Ukrainians themselves. And who for some reason is convinced that it will be impossible for the international community to develop freely without American hegemony.

These are the words of the head of a regime that has long forgotten (or, rather, has never known at all) what such State independence and an international legal personality are. A regime that has set out to oppress millions of native Ukrainians, who are denied the right to their own identity, the use of their native language, the right to belong to their traditional religion and their native Russian culture. All of this obviously fits perfectly into the concept of promoting a “rules-based world order”.

Serving its Western sponsors, the current regime in Kyiv has nothing in common with the genuine interests of the people living in Ukraine, or with the goals of protecting their lives and preserving what is left of the statehood that was acquired three decades ago.

On 20 October, US President Joe Biden once again publicly revealed his cards. He said that military provisioning of the Kyiv regime is “a smart investment that’s going to pay dividends for American security for generations”. It will, he said, help keep American soldiers from having to fight in foreign lands and build a safer future for their children and grandchildren. In short, he confirmed: what is happening in the context of Ukraine is an indirect hybrid war for the interests of the United States. Furthermore, Mr. Biden pointed out that the United States is sending weapons from its warehouses to the Kyiv regime in order to establish the conditions for production and free up storage space for new weapons manufactured by US companies.

Therefore, the continued fighting, which is not taking place on US territory, is seen as a kind of investment to ensure domestic American economic growth and achieve geopolitical goals. The costs borne by other nations are apparently not even taken into account. This should be remembered every time some US representative speaks from a rostrum somewhere about the importance of solidarity with the puppets in Kyiv and the defence of particular values, principles and norms.

It is worth recalling here the words of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Vitold Pavlovych Fokin, who, on Zelenskyy's instructions in 2020, was the first deputy head of the Ukrainian delegation to the Minsk-based Trilateral Contact Group. On 13 January 2022, in a video interview with Ukrainian journalists, he quoted the content of his discussion in the early 1990s with Zbigniew Brzezinski, a former National Security Advisor to the US President. In the words of Mr. Fokin, this US representative informed him that according to the American plans "by the 2030s, no more than 20 million inhabitants should remain in Ukraine. [...] Because there is no way to feed more [than that number] – and the Americans do not need more [than that number]."

In 1942, the Reichskommissar of Ukraine Erich Koch, a Nazi criminal, wrote in an address to the leaders of the imperial press: "Ukraine is for us only an object of exploitation. It must pay the expenses of the war, and in a certain way the population must, as a second-rate people, be utilized for the tasks of the war, even if they have to be caught with a lasso."

Many Ukrainians are beginning to wake up to the obvious historical analogies. That is why millions of them have left for Russia and European Union countries, not wanting to become cannon fodder in someone else's geopolitical game and die for the interests of the Kyiv regime's puppet masters. According to the Kyiv regime's Deputy Minister of Defence, Nataliia Kalmykova, the remaining hundreds of thousands of men who are fit for combat are now actively avoiding forced mobilization.

In the Second World War, the United States was our ally in the fight against Nazism. Today, unfortunately, it has no qualms about providing financial and other support to forces that glorify Nazi criminals and their accomplices.

Last week, the United States and Denmark announced the allocation of further military supply packages to the Kyiv regime worth 150 million and 520 million dollars respectively. The plans include the delivery to Ukraine of a small number of armoured vehicles and several shipments of artillery shells, missiles and other weapons. Of course, this will not enable the Ukrainian formations to turn the situation around on the battlefield. The purpose of such actions is to support their own arms manufacturers, prolong the armed confrontation and the death throes of the Kyiv regime, cause more casualties and destruction, and make yet further attempts to weaken Russia.

Our country will defend its security, interests, unity and territorial integrity for as long as is required. People continue to enlist for military service, and some 385,000 people have been accepted since the beginning of the year. Of these, around 305,000 are contracted military personnel, and about 80,000 are volunteers. On average, more than 1,600 people sign a contract with the Russian army every day.

It is clear that Zelenskyy's formations will not ultimately succeed militarily. This is understood in many Western capitals, where the assessments of the professional military differ significantly from the propaganda slogans of the political leadership. In some places, they are even beginning to talk about it out loud. The remarks by John Kirby, Coordinator for Strategic Communications at the National Security Council in the White House, at a briefing on 26 October are noteworthy. He said that the US Government expected tactical gains by the Russian force grouping in the zone of the special military operation in the coming months, even if he tried to accompany this message with a false argument about the alleged poor

morale of the Russian military. Furthermore, his words sounded in effect like a verdict on the Kyiv regime: “Time clearly is not on our side or on that of Ukraine going forward.”

Against this backdrop, more and more responsible politicians in Europe are realizing that the Ukrainian conflict is an adventure on the part of the United States and its closest NATO satellites. They also realize that the claim that the Ukrainians are defending freedom and democracy in Europe against the “Russian threat” is not true.

No matter how hard the representatives of the Western countries try to portray the general solidarity in support of the Kyiv regime, in reality the attitude of the West to Ukraine is not uniform. Over the past week, two European Union States – Hungary and Slovakia – have already announced that they do not intend to provide direct military assistance to the Kyiv regime. Moreover, EU bureaucrats failed to agree on the allocation of funds (the eighth tranche) from the European Peace Facility, which has become a *de facto* “warmongering fund”, for supplying weapons. Amid obvious fatigue with everything related to the Kyiv regime, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, made an interesting remark: “Ukraine has disappeared from the media, but not from reality.”

All this can be seen against the backdrop of reports that NATO arms manufacturers have been steadily increasing their prices – for 155 mm calibre shells, for example. According to figures provided by the Chair of the NATO Military Committee, Admiral Rob Bauer, which he shared with the Reuters news agency, the cost of one shell has risen from 2,000 to 8,000 euros over the past year and a half. In a word, “one man’s war is another man’s fortune”. One round of this ammunition is thus today equal to the monthly pension of a hundred (!) pensioners in Ukraine.

Even the functionaries of the Kyiv regime themselves realize the hopelessness of their situation. In a recent interview with the *Financial Times*, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal sounded the alarm: “We have a huge deficit of ammunition not just in Ukraine, but all over the world. [...] All the warehouses are empty.” Echoing him, in an interview with Politico, the Kyiv regime’s Minister of Strategic Industries Oleksandr Kamyshin said dramatically: “All the worldwide capacities for weapons production, for ammunition production” will not be enough to cover the current needs of Zelenskyy’s formations. Yesterday’s article by the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Valerii Zaluzhnyi, in *The Economist* was no less noteworthy. The message is the same – the Kyiv regime is failing, while the Russian force grouping deployed in the zone of the special military operation, despite Western propaganda about its supposed weakness, retains an obvious military advantage.

It should be noted that the Ukrainian armed forces are experiencing a dearth of ammunition not only because of the emptying of warehouses and the inefficient expenditure of ammunition. Russian strike capabilities, in particular missile systems and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), are successfully overcoming all known air defence systems, including the NATO systems supplied to the Kyiv regime. This makes it possible to effectively disrupt supplies to Zelenskyy’s troops. In recent weeks, warehouses containing missile and artillery weapons and fuel products and workshops, including those producing UAVs and uncrewed boats, have been destroyed.

The expert actions of the Russian military have significantly reduced the Kyiv regime’s ability to use aircraft and precision missiles. In just one month, in October, no fewer than 37 aeroplanes and three helicopters were shot down. By way of clarification, we are talking about two dozen MiG-29 aircraft, no fewer than eight Su-25 fighter aircraft, one Su-24 bomber, two L-39 combat training aircraft and three Mi-8 helicopters. Only the day before yesterday, two Su-27 fighter jets belonging to the Kyiv regime were shot down by Russian aircraft in a period of 24 hours.

According to the latest information from the Russian Ministry of Defence, during the summer and autumn offensive operations, the Ukrainian formations lost over 90,000 of their fighters killed or wounded in action, without achieving any significant successes on the battlefield. However, the Kyiv regime and its sponsors continue to spin lies about some kind of victory. To reinforce this, it was recently decided in Kyiv to appoint a 43-year-old science fiction writer, Illarion Pavlyuk, as head of the Press and Information Department of the Ministry of Defence. This is most telling.

While disabling the military infrastructure and potential of the Kyiv regime, the Russian military is not carrying out strikes against civilian objects. The hypocrisy with which representatives of the United States and its satellites continue to attack our country, accusing it of targeting the civilian population, is shocking. This is despite the fact that civilians in Ukraine are not threatened to anything like the extent as, for example, millions of Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip. The main thing is that in all cases the Anglo-Saxons are in no hurry to call for a ceasefire and a realistic political and diplomatic settlement. On the contrary, they continue to undermine regional stability by sending tonnes of weapons into conflict zones and demanding that the situation be resolved on the battlefield, seeking to profit from this economically and politically.

How else can we explain the fact that the representatives of the Western countries who have spoken just now are not at all concerned about the casualties among civilians, including women and children, that have resulted from the use of NATO weapons by the Kyiv regime? These include inhumane weapons such as cluster munitions or anti-personnel mines. For the Western patrons of the Kyiv regime, it is as if there are no casualties from the use of these weapons at all.

Here are some concrete figures. Over the past two weeks, at least 16 civilians have been killed and more than 40 injured, four of them children, as a result of the shelling of civilian objects on Russian territory by Zelenskyy's fighters.

On the evening of 26 October, Kyiv regime formations attempted to attack the Kursk nuclear power plant using three UAVs packed with explosives. One of them exploded near the storage facility for spent nuclear fuel, damaging the front of the building. The other two landed near the plant's administrative buildings and failed to detonate.

We emphasize: the Kyiv regime thinks nothing of committing crimes that create a threat of radioactive contamination and may have cross-border consequences. It does so with a sense of impunity and the support of its Western handlers, who share with it the responsibility for endangering the safety of millions of people.

The same goes for ignoring the Kyiv regime's systematic attacks on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant and its environs. Representatives of a number of Western countries that try to pass themselves off as champions of nuclear safety and environmental protection are obviously once again acting on the bogus assumption that this is "different".

Or take the rocket attacks, including from HIMARS multiple-launch rocket systems, on the Kakhovka hydroelectric dam, which our opponents also preferred to simply ignore. As a result, on 6 June this year, the dam was destroyed, causing an ecological and humanitarian disaster. After that, the representatives of some Western countries, together with their underlings in Kyiv, launched an all-out campaign trying to blame the Russian military for that incident and its tragic consequences.

The leaders of a number of NATO countries that unleashed a hybrid war against our country courtesy of the Ukrainians obviously believed in the illusions of their own propaganda. They imagined that

Russia's economic and military potential was not sufficiently robust and that it would retreat under pressure from certain Western countries from actively defending its security interests.

Let us take a look at the concrete facts. The blitzkrieg of anti-Russian sanctions has not achieved the desired results, and the boomerang effect is hurting the countries that initiated it. Naive attempts to isolate our country diplomatically are clearly failing. Russia has many more real friends and partners in the international arena than ill-wishers. Finally, the so-called counteroffensive of the NATO puppets in Kyiv – in spring, summer and autumn – has failed miserably, and resources for continuing these military adventures are running out.

If we judge not by the boastful statements of Zelenskyy's propagandists and Zelenskyy himself, but by the actual state of affairs, the conclusion today is obvious: the Kyiv regime is facing an inevitable catastrophe. Its foreign sponsors will face the painful realization that the vast resources sent to Kyiv have not become a "profitable investment" and are unlikely to yield a return. Taxpayers in Western countries are already beginning to ask their own leadership awkward questions about why their money is disappearing into the black hole that is the Zelenskyy regime.

By seeking to weaken Russia, the West itself is becoming weaker. The arrogance of the Western leaders and their misguided belief in their own exceptionalism, their unwillingness to take into account the legitimate interests of sovereign States, the neocolonial expansionism of Western alliances eastwards – all this has seriously undermined pan-European security.

Overt double standards and the actions of NATO countries in our and other regions of the world testify to their desire, through so-called controlled chaos and the suffering of millions of people, to prevent the establishment of a just and multipolar world order and to impose some kind of "rules-based order" instead. There is no doubt that the architects of a unipolar world will be disappointed. Hegemony with the United States at its head is impossible, because Russia is part of the European continent and the world. We would once again advise above all the representatives of a country that is thousands of kilometres from the westernmost shores of Europe, and whose history of statehood is at least five times shorter than the more than thousand-year statehood of Russia, to reflect on this.

To conclude. Colleagues from the Western countries often talk about Russia's isolation. In reality, however, the Western-centric camp will soon, to its surprise, find itself isolated from the rest of the world community. The West, together with its puppets in Kyiv, will lose Ukraine. It will lose now and in any other corner of the world where it tries to regain its former hegemony by force and by the traditional manipulation of leaders. In the end, it will inflict a strategic defeat upon itself. We will not prevent this, and we will even provide all possible assistance in this regard. The West will not be able to turn from this path if it does not accept the need to respect those who have every right to fight for their interests and their civilizational space. Platforms such as the OSCE are created precisely to keep the channels of communication open in the event that they are genuinely needed. The Western countries will be in desperate need of them in the near future.

In the meantime, let us once again stress that all the objectives of the Russian special military operation will be accomplished fully. We emphasize that Zelenskyy's foreign handlers are doing all they can to prevent a swift political and diplomatic settlement that would take account of the real situation. The masters of the Kyiv regime should reconsider this approach.

Thank you for your attention.