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1. Date: Wednesday, 13 July 2022 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

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2. Chairperson: Mr. D. Dovgalev

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Current security situation in the OSCE area*: Russian Federation (Annex) (FSC.DEL/259/22/Add.1), United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/258/22 OSCE+), Belarus (FSC.DEL/256/22 OSCE+), Canada, Czech Republic-European Union (FSC.DEL/257/22, Switzerland)

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

Having initiated and exacerbated to the utmost the conflict in Ukraine, the collective West continues to pursue confrontation with the Russian Federation. Over the past few days, we have again witnessed the gospel of militarism spouting forth from the pages of the Western press. An adviser to the US Government's Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Paul Massaro, stated that Ukraine must be allowed to launch strikes against Belarus and Russia. Subsequently, in an interview with *Der Spiegel* on 10 July, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany, Annalena Baerbock, voiced her regret over the fact that the West could not intervene militarily in Ukraine. (Incidentally, in the twentieth century German jackboots stamped upon Ukrainian chernozem soil on three occasions, and grain was carried off from there to Germany. We have not forgotten.) Former President of Poland Lech Wałęsa has called for Russia to be broken up and its population reduced to a third. He evidently drew inspiration from the briefing by the US Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe on the "decolonization" of our country. It is not the first time that provocative slogans about reducing the population of Russia, including "Generalplan Ost", are ringing out from Europe.

We resolutely declare that the US Government and its allies are balancing dangerously on the brink of open military confrontation with Russia. It would be time for our colleagues to make up their mind about what they want to achieve in reality: negotiations or Ukraine's victory "on the battlefield"? For now, they are doing everything to prevent the Ukrainian Government from moving on to a peace process by priming it with Western weapons which are subsequently used to bombard cities and towns and annihilate the civilian population. The latter is something that we observe daily and to which we cannot be reconciled.

In the early hours of 12 July, the Ukrainian armed forces launched a massive missile attack on Nova Kakhovka in the Kherson region using US-made M142 HIMARS multiple-launch rocket systems. The order to strike at this territory liberated from the Ukrainian Nazis, where citizens had been living in peace and calm for several months, was given personally by President Zelenskyy. The Ukrainian Government received reconnaissance data from the United States of America: the US commercial satellite

WorldView-2 had taken pictures of the Nova Kakhovka area a few days before the bloody provocation. Over at the Pentagon they had previously stated forthrightly that they intended to give the Ukrainian Government instructions for the bombardment of targets in so-called occupied areas of Ukraine so as not to waste “expensive ammunition” in vain. It would seem that the targets for strikes by the Ukrainian nationalists are selected on the banks of the Potomac, not those of the Dnieper.

Well, we suggest that our US colleagues evaluate their “contribution” to the furtherance of European security.

As a result of the barbaric strikes against Nova Kakhovka from HIMARS multiple-launch rocket systems, hundreds of apartments were destroyed; a hospital, church, market and a warehouse for humanitarian goods were seriously damaged; and entire neighbourhoods were engulfed by fire. A missile of the Ukrainian armed forces hit a mineral fertilizer storage facility, leading to an explosion the consequences of which echo the catastrophe that occurred in Beirut in August 2020. The whole city lies in rubble and glass shards. There were around 90 casualties from the attack; at least six were killed. Many have been left without a roof over their heads.

It is worth pointing out that the training period for US gunners learning to fire using HIMARS systems is several months, whereas the Ukrainians are being trained in just a couple of weeks. But perhaps it is not Ukrainians at all who are sitting behind the HIMARS controls? Perhaps these were US military specialists who by coincidence were recently discharged from the ranks of the US armed forces? The Russian Ministry of Defence is monitoring and recording the names of all mercenaries who arrive in Ukraine to take part in the hostilities. We have warned repeatedly that we are not going to treat them with kid gloves.

Since the end of June, US-made HIMARS multiple-launch rocket systems have been used to shell the Donetsk People’s Republic (DPR) and the Luhansk People’s Republic (LPR). In a recent news report by the television channel CNN it was argued that thanks to the precision and operating range of these systems, the Ukrainian armed forces were able to shell “important facilities”. To all appearances, this is referring to attacks on civilian areas. On 28 June, the Ukrainian neo-Nazis carried out a strike against Perevalsk in the LPR using a GMLRS M30 guided missile with a cluster warhead manufactured by the Lockheed Martin Corporation. On 10 July, three people were killed and 39 injured as a result of the use of a HIMARS multiple-launch rocket system during the shelling of the Amvrosiivskyi district of Donetsk. On 10 and 11 July, during the shelling of Alchevsk and Irmino in the LPR, a local woman was injured and six residential buildings and a school were damaged. Yesterday, following the bombardment of Stakhanov in the LPR with a HIMARS system, two people were killed and two were injured. The question is whether over in Washington, D.C., they are satisfied with the results of the work performed by the systems provided to the Kyiv regime, which are destroying not military targets but civilians. Our conclusions are unequivocal: the announcement of yet another package of military assistance from the United States comprising HIMARS ammunition attests to the US Government’s irrepressible desire to drag out the armed confrontation at the cost of unceasing bloodshed.

Nor do the US “satellites” lag behind in cluttering Ukraine with military goods. They do not care about their export control obligations and international humanitarian law. What

they are interested in is something else. Supplying the Ukrainian Government with second-hand weapons allows them to clear their military depots of equipment that they do not need with a view to increasing the number of modern weapons on their balance sheet. In particular, the German Government has handed over Strela man-portable air defence systems (MANPADS) to the Ukrainian Government – systems that personnel in Germany refused to use on account of their being highly explosive. In this way, it has managed to avoid additional spending on disposal measures. At the same time, a number of NATO member countries have reached agreement with the US Government on shipping old weapons to Kyiv in exchange for new ones. For example, Slovakia handed over S-300 anti-aircraft missile systems to Ukraine, having received Patriot systems from the United States. It goes without saying that the United States intends to profit the most from the Ukrainian conflict by foisting contracts for military goods on to its allies under the mythical pretext of a heightened Russian threat level. It will not take long for the consequences of this arms business that involves “dealing in blood” to make themselves felt.

Over the past week alone, more than 2,600 mortar shells and projectiles were fired against peaceful towns in Donbas, most of which were of the NATO-standard calibre of 155 mm. The strikes were launched against densely populated neighbourhoods. Their objective was intimidation of and genocide against the civilian population. The task was to leave a pile of ashes behind. The ammunition used had previously been received by the Ukrainian Government together with artillery systems from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and France. We should like to single out the Czech “peacemakers” who delivered DANA howitzers, RM-70 Vampir multiple-launch rocket systems and shells for them, and thousands of mortars, assault rifles, pistols and sniper rifles to Kyiv. It may be seen at once that over in Prague they assiduously keep up the traditions of a major arms arsenal that once sent trainloads of weapons to Kursk and Stalingrad. The results of Western and Ukrainian artillery having been put to work in the DPR are as follows for the period from 6 July: at least 136 civilians injured and 23 killed, including eight children; more than 240 buildings destroyed.

We firmly underline that the Western arms sponsors of the Ukrainian Government share responsibility with the Ukrainian neo-Nazis for the deaths of non-combatants and the destruction in Donbas and the Lower Dnieper region.

Mr. Chairperson,

All this confirms the relevance of the tasks related to the demilitarization of Ukraine and its liberation from the fascistoid radicals who continue to terrorize the population of Donbas and pose threats to the security of our country and its allies. Russia will stop once the point has been reached at which it can be ensured that people are safe from the weapons supplied by Western countries. That is what is being pursued by the special military operation, which will continue up until the objectives set by President Putin have been accomplished once and for all.

To mitigate the risks of bloody provocations against the citizens of the DPR, the LPR and the liberated territories of Ukraine, the armed forces of the Russian Federation are continuing their focused efforts to destroy foreign military equipment being sent to Kyiv. Ground-based precision weapons were used to liquidate more than 1,000 artillery shells for US-made M777 howitzers in Sloviansk and three hangars near Kostiantynivka and Chasiv

Yar containing such howitzers, which were being used to fire at residential areas of the city of Donetsk. Several Harpoon coastal defence missile system units delivered from the United Kingdom were destroyed in the Odessa region. Air-launched high-precision missiles were used near the settlement of Malotaranivka in the DPR to disable two launch pods for HIMARS multiple-launch rocket systems and two storage facilities holding ammunition for these. The number of such instances will just keep on growing.

New evidence is coming in to confirm something that the Russian delegation warned about extensively at the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) a long time ago, namely that Western weapons and military equipment in Ukraine are being looted and ending up on the black market. On this slide you can see how two Ukrainians next to a car with Albanian number plates are discussing the price tags for Javelin and NLAW anti-tank missile systems. They are selling them quite cheaply: at just 3,000 to 5,000 euros apiece. There are about six of these systems inside the car. It is not clear how many such cars packed with grenade launchers are driving around Europe. Moreover, a few days ago, Serbian border guards detained a Ukrainian woman who had been trying to smuggle military goods across the border with Romania. One dreads to think of the true scale of this flooding of Europe with weapons.

Mr. Chairperson,

The criminal regime in Kyiv has already shown its true colours. Ukrainian radicals and neo-Nazis doom civilians who are their own fellow citizens to suffering by setting up firing points in high-rise blocks, in violation of international humanitarian law. Some military bases that were used as command posts and weapons depots by the Ukrainian armed forces – in particular, the so-called Arbalet remote-controlled weapons stations – had been set up in preschool institutions as far back as 2014. Exercises in weapons practice and military engineering were held there at the same time as children were being taught. This is what is being recounted by captured fighters from the neo-Nazi Azov battalion, a terrorist organization that has been recognized as such by the United States Congress.

It is not surprising that the flight of Ukrainian troops from the liberated territories of Donbas is being perceived by local residents as an occasion of joy. Journalists from the French television channel France 24 who stayed behind in Lysychansk upon conclusion of the fighting were able to see this for themselves (in a news report from 4 July). Inhabitants of the city told these correspondents that the only future they could envisage was one together with Russia. Unfortunately, some of them can still not leave their shelters without anxiety, since the Ukrainian neo-Nazis scattered thousands of banned PFM-1 Lepestok anti-personnel mines around the city that are not fitted with a self-destruct mechanism. This also goes to show how conscientiously the Ukrainian Government disbursed the millions of dollars allocated to it for the destruction of these dangerous munitions in accordance with the 1997 Ottawa Convention.

Mr. Chairperson,

The United States and its “satellites” do not care about the future of Ukraine and its people. We have heard the Kyiv regime boasting of how through mobilization it will effectively be able to field an army of 1 million. They have no qualms about using force to catch men – and from 1 October possibly even women – for “fast-track” deployment to the

front line. Our Western colleagues at the FSC keep going on, mantra-like, about how the allied forces of Russia, the DPR and the LPR are, I quote, “poorly trained, poorly equipped and poorly led”. Of course, to any military expert it is obvious that such assertions are a downright lie. On the other hand, hundreds of thousands of forcibly mobilized Ukrainians who have not been trained at all and who are perishing to advance the interests of the Kyiv junta’s overseas managers – that is a real fact, which the Ukrainian military itself is talking about.

In addition to the numerous instances of Ukrainian military personnel being used as cannon fodder in Donbas by the Ukrainian Government, the Russian Ministry of Defence has also obtained evidence indicating that they are being made to participate in dangerous military biological experiments. Analysis of blood samples taken from Ukrainian prisoners of war shows that 33 per cent of them have had or are suffering from hepatitis A; it is 20 per cent for West Nile fever and 4 per cent for haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome. The Pentagon’s spending on military biological research in Ukraine since 2005 has exceeded 250 million dollars, with the paymasters there taking a particular interest in African swine fever but also in studies of ticks from the *Ixodidae* family, which transmit especially dangerous infections, including the aforementioned West Nile fever. Nor did the Bundeswehr lag behind in this respect: under the guise of enhancing the Ukrainian epidemiological monitoring system, it conducted research on the causative agent of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever in Kyiv and Odessa. Rather like Dr. Mengele and Unit 731. We hope that there is no need to provide an explanatory gloss.

In closing, we should like to recall that the Russian Federation’s absolute priority continues to be to end the suffering of the civilian population of Donbas and Ukraine by putting a stop to the combat operations that the Ukrainian Government launched against its own people eight years ago. The threats arising from this regime in its death throes to the national security of our country and the whole of Europe will undoubtedly be neutralized; the validity of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations on the territory of Donbas and Ukraine will be restored; and the truth about what really happened and has been going on in Ukraine during all these years will become known to all of humanity.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.