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Mr. Chairperson,

The collective West, led by the United States of America and NATO, an organization that is becoming increasingly hostile towards us, has given the criminal regime in Kyiv a blank cheque in terms of complete impunity, while continuing to affirm the aim of inflicting a strategic defeat on Russia “on the battlefield” and weakening and destroying Russian statehood. A few days ago, Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki called the possibility of destroying our country militarily “an existential issue for both Poland and Europe”. There can be no doubt: threats to our national security on the western border will be curbed without fail. The Russian army and navy are meeting this challenge fittingly, and the combat success unfolding in the zone of the special military operation, success that builds on the broad support of the multi-ethnic people of the Russian Federation, means only one thing for the West – the systematic demilitarization of their “Ukrainian project” and the attrition of the NATO military machine.

Realizing that there is no way of radically turning the situation on the battlefield in favour of the Ukrainian armed forces, the Kyiv regime, supported by the United States and its satellites, is preparing a large-scale information provocation to accuse Russia of violating its obligations under the Convention on Nuclear Safety. According to the Russian Ministry of Defence, this involves the preparation, with the participation of Norwegian experts, of a so-called “independent opinion” on the alleged radioactive contamination of Ukrainian territories as a result of Russian actions at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant and in the exclusion zone from February to April 2022. The purpose is to exert political pressure on the leadership of countries that do not support Western sanctions against Russia so as to push through anti-Russian decisions that suit the “transatlantic conglomerate”. While promoting this fabrication in the global media, the organizers of this information warfare-style feint are planning to ignore the fact that the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Pentagon have previously confirmed that background radiation levels at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant and around it are normal.

We urge the Kyiv regime's Western handlers to tone down their ardour a little in their anti-Russian "mortal struggle" and to set about reversing the real risks of an escalation of the politico-military situation in Europe, risks generated by their unrestrained arms transfers to Ukraine.

What the international community should really be made aware of is the dangerous US military biological activities being carried out in some 400 laboratories around the world, including, until recently, in Ukraine. On 14 February this year, the State Duma adopted an appeal by the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation to the parliaments of countries around the world exhorting them to pay close attention to the agreements that their health ministries enter into with the US Department of Defense. These are referred to as "biomedical projects", but they are purely and simply a Trojan Horse from the Pentagon, as they serve to conceal military biological research. Suffice it to say that the updated strategy of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in the Department of Defense openly acknowledges the Agency's dual role – not only defence, but also combat support for military units.

According to reports, the US Government is continuing to exert pressure on the authorities in Kyiv to increase the intensity of the hostilities, hypocritically making out that the weapons supplied by the West will be enough to influence the course of the armed confrontation. At the same time, US strategists continue to give criminal orders to the Ukrainian armed forces to carry out barbaric strikes against civilian buildings in the Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, Kursk and Belgorod regions of the Russian Federation. Ukrainian officials themselves told *The Washington Post* about the mechanism for the selection of targets for shelling: first, Ukrainian forces in the combat zone send co-ordinates to their senior commanders, then these co-ordinates are transmitted to the Americans at one of the US military bases in Europe, where the direction of the strike is confirmed and the go-ahead is given.

Following this pattern, Ukrainian-US "allied troops" deployed M142 HIMARS multiple-launch rocket systems against an educational institution in Nova Kakhovka and residential buildings in Melitopol and the city of Donetsk last week. People were killed and injured. Here is a question for the Western OSCE participating States. Was the standing ovation given to President Zelenskyy by European officials in London, Paris and Brussels on 8 and 9 February this year an ovation for the killing of civilians?

Or perhaps they were applauding the Ukrainian neo-Nazis' continuing atrocities against Russian prisoners of war?

Colleagues, do not let yourselves be misled by the hypocritical statements of the delegation of Ukraine to the effect that the Ukrainian armed forces are scrupulously observing the norms of international humanitarian law. Last week, the representative of that country to the Forum for Security Co-operation went so far as to actually urge Russian soldiers to surrender. It is time to cast off the illusion that is being peddled about the "victimhood" of the Kyiv regime. Today we will show footage obtained on 8 February this year in which Serhii Makarenko, a 26-year-old neo-Nazi from the Ukrainian armed forces, executes Russian soldiers lying on the ground, their arms raised, with a shot to the head fired at point-blank range from an assault rifle as he yells the Nazi salute "Glory to Ukraine". The United Nations has confirmed the video's authenticity and expressed its concern to the Ukrainian Minister of Defence. But will this appeal by the United Nations be heard in Kyiv?

To a large extent, this latest execution of Russian prisoners of war lies on the conscience of Ukraine's Western handlers, who created this Nazi regime and have reared a generation of Ukrainians obsessed with ideas of hatred and national superiority. By remaining silent about these crimes, they are making such killings possible. For our part, we will not let them go unpunished.

In the meantime, however, we can see that the United States wants to get even more involved in the murderous adventure it has unleashed. According to information available, the Pentagon is currently actively lobbying for the resumption of funding for a number of top-secret programmes related to Ukraine. It is understood that the Defense Department will be able to recruit Ukrainian military personnel, who will receive the status of US intelligence officers. Just as how after the end of the Second World War, the CIA used more than a thousand fugitive Nazis as sidekicks in their struggle against the USSR. It was not embarrassed by the fact that these newly minted officers had quite recently served the Third Reich and committed war crimes – after all, the goals of confrontation with the USSR outweighed any moral costs. And now the United States and its satellites have no scruples, before the eyes of the entire international community, about the means being used in trying unsuccessfully to damage our country.

All this confirms the relevance of the tasks of demilitarizing Ukraine and liberating it from the fascistoid radicals who continue to terrorize the civilian population 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.

The Russian army is continuing its offensive along the entire front. Fierce fighting is taking place in the area of Paraskoviivka near Artemivsk, which is at the mercy of the Russian troops' firepower. Military success in this area augurs well for advances in the direction of Sloviansk, Kramatorsk and the Kharkiv region. The trend towards the liberation of the Donetsk People's Republic is growing stronger amidst the methodical grinding down of the enemy's military equipment.

Speaking of military equipment. According to reports from the margins of the Brussels meeting of defence ministers of the NATO member countries on 14 and 15 February this year, the West is discussing the synchronization of arms transfers to Ukraine and the consideration of training for Ukrainian armed forces personnel. Well, how should we respond to that?

According to Western journalists, British-trained Ukrainian nationalists are unable to last out more than 24 hours of heavy fighting in Donbas. The situation is similar with NATO weapons. The Russian armed forces have destroyed over 7,860 tanks in the zone of the special military operation, so a few hundred German-made Leopard tanks, British-made Challenger tanks and US-made Abrams tanks (which will not even reach Ukraine given the fears of adverse publicity for the US military-industrial complex) will not be able to influence the course of the fighting.

The same will happen with potential deliveries of NATO aircraft to Ukraine: only last week, Russian air defence and fighter aircraft shot down Su-25 and MiG-29 jets and two Mi-8 helicopters belonging to the Ukrainian air force. In addition, 61 missiles for HIMARS multiple-launch rocket systems, a Polish-made Krab self-propelled howitzer, eight M777 artillery systems, two M109 Paladin howitzers and four US-made AN/TPQ-50 counter-battery radar stations were destroyed. The number of such instances is guaranteed to keep on growing.

One final point. In a recent interview with the German publication *Der Spiegel*, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed that he had to force German Chancellor Olaf Scholz to supply weapons not for the Ukrainians, but to save the lives of Europeans. This is the tragedy of the Ukrainian people, who since 2014 have been hostage to the Kyiv regime, which is directed against the people, and to the geopolitical ambitions of the West. Just look at the footage of the forced mobilization under way in Ukraine. As part of this mobilization effort, the Kyiv regime is sending men of various ages and even teenagers to fight with Russia "down to the last Ukrainian" on the orders of its Western handlers. Under these

circumstances, those who enshrine in legislation the refusal to negotiate or who from the capitals of NATO member countries instigate such refusal bear historical responsibility for the ongoing bloodshed.

The Russian Federation's absolute priority continues to be to end the suffering of the civilian population of Donbas and the people of Ukraine by putting a halt to the combat operations initiated by the Ukrainian Government eight years ago.

Thank you for your attention.