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Madam Chairperson,

The leading countries in Europe and the NATO-EU bureaucracy are gradually becoming the main obstacle to peace in Ukraine. Having dusted off the drums of war, as it were, they are incessantly prodding the Kyiv regime to continue the hostilities and plying it with weapons. Despite the resumption of negotiations, they are stepping up the planting of misinformation and intensifying the preparation and organization of acts of sabotage and provocation on the territory of the Russian Federation – acts that are meant to set back or altogether derail the negotiation process. However, the NATO-EU strategists must realize that if one refuses to acknowledge the realities of war during negotiations, one will inevitably come face to face with new realities on the ground.

Within the zone of the special military operation at present, Russian troops are on the offensive in many parts of the front. Our security zone in the Sumy and Kharkov regions is expanding. Last week, units from the 90th Tank Division broke through the western border of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) and they are continuing their ongoing offensive in the territory of the Dnipropetrovsk region, which is also part of the important work to create the buffer zone announced by the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin. The population centres of Zarya, Novopol, Redkodub and Fyodorovka in the DPR have been liberated, as have Alekseyevka, Andreyevka, Vodolagi and Kondratovka in the Sumy region. In June, our troops have been liberating more than 200 square kilometres per day on average. Since the start of the month, the Ukrainian armed forces have lost around 14,000 personnel, 12 tanks, 163 armoured combat vehicles, 431 cars, 212 artillery systems, 115 military depots and more than 2,100 unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

In response to the Kyiv regime's senseless terrorist attacks against Russian strategic aviation airfields, the armed forces of the Russian Federation launched a series of massive strikes using long-range air, sea and land-based precision weapons, along with unmanned combat aerial vehicles, against design offices, plants where Ukrainian armaments and military equipment are produced and repaired, workshops where combat drones are assembled, aircrew training centres, and depots containing weapons and military

equipment of the Ukrainian armed forces. A tactical aviation airfield near the city of Dubno in the Rivne region was hit. All the goals set for these strikes against military infrastructure on Ukrainian territory have been achieved.

When EU and NATO countries claim that what is currently going on in Ukraine is an “unjust and unprovoked act of aggression” by Russia, they are clearly being disingenuous as they try to make it out to the whole world that the West is quite blameless. We know for a fact that the terrorist attacks against Russian airfields could not have been prepared and carried out without the use of space-based and other high-tech resources that are possessed exclusively by certain NATO member countries. The countries providing the Kyiv regime with geospatial data need to be clear about the fact that they are tacit accomplices in its crimes and that, through their actions, they are driving up the risks of a most serious escalation. We are deeply concerned about the lack of a response to our exhortation to the US and UK Governments to bring their influence to bear on the Kyiv regime with a view to putting a stop to dangerous provocations.

It is in a similar vein that we view the irresponsible statements by German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, including what he said about the lifting of restrictions on the launching of missile strikes against Russia by the Ukrainian armed forces. What “giving permission” for the use of NATO long-range precision weapons actually implies was, as we may recall, clearly stated on 25 October 2024 by President Putin. He emphasized that Ukraine does not have the ability to launch such strikes on its own without the use of satellites in outer space and the inputting of flight mission data by military personnel from NATO countries. The Kyiv regime’s use of long-range missiles for strikes against our territory implies the direct involvement of Germany and other overlords of that regime in combat operations against Russia, together with a radical change in the essence and nature of the conflict. We trust that, after the trial launch of the state-of-the-art “Oreshnik” hypersonic weapons system, which was spectacularly carried out by the Russian military in combat conditions, there is no room for doubt that our country has the relevant capabilities. Instead of testing the limits of what they can get away with in the Ukrainian conflict, Western strategists would do well to focus on how to reduce military risks, yet we do not see any willingness to engage in such work.

On the contrary, instead of creating the necessary conditions for a peaceful settlement, the EU and NATO top brass continue to invest in the militarization of the Kyiv regime.

On 26 May, the Ministry of Defence of the Netherlands announced the transfer of an additional two dozen F-16 fighter jets to the Kyiv regime.

On 27 May, the Council of the European Union approved the creation of the Security Action for Europe fund, which is worth 150 billion euros and is intended for “urgent and large-scale” investments in the European and Ukrainian military-industrial complex.

On 28 May, it was announced in Germany that they would allocate around 5 billion euros to finance the manufacture of long-range weapons at facilities from the Ukrainian military-industrial complex. As reported, Germany also plans to supply weapons, ammunition and IRIS-T air defence systems together with the associated missiles.

Equally telling is that, in the discussion within NATO about spending 5 per cent of gross domestic product on defence, there are an increasing number of voices arguing that it is necessary to recategorize assistance for the Kyiv regime as national defence expenditure. Our colleagues in this room understand that we are talking here about long-term systemic trends in the financing of the war in Ukraine. The far-reaching plans of the “Western conglomerate” for continuing to fuel the hostilities are also reflected in the outcomes of the 28th meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, at which the possibility was discussed of setting

up Western “mega factories” in that country to produce military goods. The French carmaker Renault is reportedly planning to manufacture UAVs in Ukraine, while Rheinmetall is preparing to open an ammunition factory there.

Western “blood profiteers” must realize that all plants engaged in producing weapons, military equipment and ammunition on Ukrainian territory are legitimate military targets for the Russian Federation. The destruction of military equipment manufactured in NATO States likewise remains a priority task for our troops. As a special nod to our German colleagues, who are preparing to supply their national air defence systems to Ukraine, we should like to demonstrate how an IRIS-T surface-to-air missile system in the Dnipropetrovsk region was destroyed last week through a direct hit by the crew of an Iskander-M tactical missile system belonging to the armed forces of the Russian Federation. Also knocked out were an Italian-made Iveco armoured combat vehicle; a Finnish-made Sisu XA-180 armoured personnel carrier; a British-supplied Pinzgauer Vector armoured vehicle; a Polish-made Krab self-propelled artillery piece; a HIMARS multiple-launch rocket system, an M109 Paladin self-propelled artillery piece and an AN/TPQ-36 counter-battery radar station (all three US-manufactured); an Israeli-made RADA RPS-82 radar station; and other systems.

Today we have once again heard claims that military and financial injections into the “Ukrainian project” are necessary for the purposes of the Kyiv regime’s defence. We can see perfectly well how Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s band of terrorists are defending themselves as they conduct UAV raids on residential areas and civilian objects in Russia on an almost daily basis. And our colleagues in this room can see these raids on the screens. We expect the countries supplying UAVs to meet the Kyiv regime’s needs – including the United Kingdom, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Canada, the Netherlands and France – to assess how the Ukrainian armed forces’ use of military goods supplied by them can be squared with the principles of international humanitarian law that they themselves have signed up to.

Last week, the Ukrainian armed forces deliberately carried out high-intensity attacks on civilian objects and civilians in our country. For these strikes they used artillery, cluster munitions, multiple rocket launchers, guided aerial bombs and UAVs; moreover, some UAVs were discovered to have a Starlink satellite communication module on board. The “rail war” continued, with terrorists blowing up railway tracks on five occasions in the Bryansk, Kursk and Voronezh regions. The greatest numbers of civilian casualties occurred in the Belgorod and Kursk regions, the Lugansk People’s Republic and Zaporozhye. In total, at least 1,780 munitions were fired at civilian targets, including residential buildings and even churches. There were no fewer than 107 civilian casualties, four of whom were killed.

Unfortunately, a dismissive attitude towards human beings is a hallmark of the Kyiv regime, which proved incapable of affording even the families of fallen Ukrainian armed forces personnel the opportunity to receive their bodies shortly before the Feast of the Holy Trinity, when Orthodox Christians traditionally commemorate departed loved ones.

In strict compliance with the Istanbul agreements of 6 June, the Russian side set about implementing the humanitarian operation to repatriate to Ukraine more than 6,000 bodies of fallen Ukrainian armed forces personnel. The first batch, consisting of the bodies of 1,212 Ukrainian soldiers, had already arrived in refrigerated containers at the exchange site in the Bryansk region, but the Kyiv regime, unexpectedly and without giving any explanation, indefinitely postponed the date for taking custody of the bodies. Foreign journalists who were on-site were able to see for themselves that the Russian side was prepared to unconditionally fulfil its obligations. We are currently publishing lists of the identified remains of Ukrainian armed forces personnel so that relatives are able to find their dead. We call upon the Ukrainian side to finally collect the bodies of their soldiers and officers so that they can be laid to rest in the ground, as befits human beings.

At the same time, we note as something positive that, in fulfilment of the agreements reached in Istanbul, two groups of Russian military personnel aged up to 25 years were repatriated from territories controlled by the Kyiv regime. In return, two groups of prisoners of war from the Ukrainian armed forces were similarly handed over to the Ukrainian side. We believe that the work in this most important humanitarian area should be continued free from any foreign influence.

The current crisis can only be resolved by eliminating its root causes, including those related to the destructive interference of NATO and EU countries and their attempts to use Ukraine as a tool for proxy warfare against Russia. Russia will not accept any possible scenario for ending the conflict that leaves threats to our country's security in place. NATO expansion remains among the foremost root causes of the conflict that need to be eliminated. Unless this fundamental problem – one that is most acute for us – is addressed, it is simply impossible to settle the current conflict in the Euro-Atlantic area. Our Western opponents must, ultimately, reflect on the clear and serious messages that we have been sending.

The goals set at the beginning of the special military operation and outlined in detail in the address delivered by President Putin on 14 June 2024 will be achieved in any case. The longer the attempts by our adversaries and their sponsors go on to “inflict a strategic defeat on Russia on the battlefield” and to frighten our people through acts of intimidation, the harsher and more set in stone the “conditions on the ground” will be that they have to contend with.

Nevertheless, we hope that our opponents have not altogether taken leave of their common sense and that a peaceful settlement involving, perforce, the elimination of the root causes of the conflict is still possible.

Thank you for your attention.