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**«The Committee on Defense of Russian Schools in Ukraine» statement:**

“We, the citizens of Ukraine, parents of Russian-speaking children, are asking the international community for defense from the forced assimilation of our children, which is being conducted by Nationalistic regime. This actually is the real goal of the government, annihilating (starting from the year of 2018) the whole education system in Russian language.

The radical Ukrainian government do not even hide the goal of forced assimilation of Russian-speaking kids. The state of Ukraine intends to build education system after which Russian-speaking kids will hardly know their native language and their culture, and simply will not be able to understand the mindset of their own parents.

We remind you, the Right to education in native language is common one throughout the globe. Everybody knows it is much easier to study in native language, rather than in some foreign one; especially – in Elementary school.

Nowadays there are more than 7 million Ukrainian citizens whose native language is Russian. The destruction of school education system in Russian would affect millions of kids. At the same time school education in Romanian and Hungarian languages is being eliminated as well.

Unfortunately, the terror launched by paramilitarian radicals and the mere fact of “Mirotvoretz” (“The Peacemaker”) database existence, where neo-Nazis include the candidates for elimination, will not let us uncover the last names of CDRSU members. However, we are the growing Committee and we hope the international community helps us.