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2. Chairperson: Mr. D. Dovgalev

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

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Current security situation in the OSCE area: United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/262/22 OSCE+), Russian Federation (Annex) (FSC.DEL/261/22/Add.1), Czech Republic-European Union (FSC.DEL/260/22), Canada

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

Mr. Chairperson,

Despite the fierce anti-Russian resistance for which the whole of Europe has been mobilized, the armed forces of the Russian Federation, standing shoulder to shoulder with the allied troops from the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) and the Luhansk People's Republic (LPR), continue to dynamically address the tasks of ensuring peace and security in Donbas and eliminating the threats to Russia's stability emanating from the territory of Ukraine. Our actions are based on the conviction of historical rightness, a firm commitment on the part of our citizens to uphold the sovereignty of the Russian Federation and a clear awareness of the need to extend a helping hand to the inhabitants of Donbas, who for eight years have been serving as a bargaining chip in the geopolitical games of the United States of America and its satellites.

The agony of the collective West amid the legitimate steps by the Russian Federation to protect its national security is entirely understandable. We are talking about the beginning of the end of the US-style liberal globalist, egotistical world order, based on a crude diktat, ultimatums, the high-handed imposition of its demands and the rampant "churning out" of sanctions that violate the Charter of the United Nations in an attempt to steamroller independent States. The Russian Federation, together with its allies and like-minded countries, is contributing to the formation of a truly democratic world based on genuine sovereignty and respect for the rights of peoples and civilizations.

The practice of organizing coups d'état aimed at overthrowing undesirable governments around the world is an atavistic vestige of the rules-based world order. This was openly acknowledged by John Bolton, former National Security Adviser to the US President and the direct architect of a number of bloody adventures, who pointed out that such actions "require cunning and careful planning". This was the case with Ukraine. The ongoing crisis in that country was the result of a coup d'état orchestrated, funded and carried out from the United States on 21 February 2014, which led to the total subjugation of the Ukrainian Government to the authorities in Washington and the unconditional implementation of orders from the other side of the Atlantic. This is an unprecedented case in world practice.

Today, at the behest of the United States, the whole of Europe is at war with Russia courtesy of the Ukrainians. US President Joe Biden's administration denies the direct involvement of the United States in the conflict, but CIA officers, who are responsible for intelligence, provision of weapons and the training of Ukrainian soldiers, continue to work in Kyiv. More and more evidence is emerging that NATO instructors and spotters are directing the actions of the Ukrainian armed forces in the genocide against the civilian population of Donbas using Western weapons. Apparently, at the Capitol they are keen to add to their collection of some 200 military operations conducted by the United States during its 240-year history as a nation.

The world's leading media outlets are already saying that Washington has become too involved in geopolitical games close to Russia's borders. On 16 July this year, *The American Conservative* stated unequivocally that the crisis in Ukraine was the West's fault: "We Americans have played a leading role in what is now shaping up as a Second Cold War, more dangerous than the first. Over the last quarter-century ... we pushed NATO ... into Central and Eastern Europe. ... goaded Georgia into attacking South Ossetia ... In 2014, neocons goaded Ukrainians into overthrowing the elected ... [president] in Kiev. ... In 2022, Moscow asked the US to pledge not to bring Ukraine into NATO. We refused. If Russians believe their country has been pushed against a wall by the West, can we blame them?" At the same time, Sevim Dağdelen, member of the German Bundestag, said in an interview with the *Global Times* on 17 July this year: "The deliveries of increasingly heavy weapons to Ukraine in ever greater numbers, as well as the training of Ukrainian service personnel, heighten the risk of the war spilling over into World War III. That concern is shared by two-thirds of the German population. ... Led by the U[nited] S[tates] and [the] U[nited] K[ingdom], the West is putting its faith in a proxy war and a war of attrition. The aim is to weaken Russia for the long term and to achieve that, the West is willing to accept tens of thousands of deaths and limitless suffering, as well as the destruction of Ukraine." In short, some in the West are slowly coming back to earth from a world of illusions.

Despite this, in an attempt to divert attention away from their war crimes in Ukraine, the Western OSCE participating States have declared a blind war of words on the Russian Federation. The logic is primitive: the harsher the rhetoric and the further it moves away from diplomacy, the better. It is time to start seeing things clearly. Words cannot disguise the truth. And the truth is as follows.

First of all, they keep telling us that Ukraine is an "innocent victim". It is not a victim, it is a NATO testing ground for military experiments, including military biological experiments. We remember well how the Anglo-Saxon masters have been training and arming Ukrainian neo-Nazis all these years. It was no revelation to us when NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said that the offensive bloc had been preparing for confrontation with Russia since 2014. We heard perfectly well the message delivered by the representative of the US Air Force Command in Europe, Major General Joel L. Carey, that NATO allies were using the conflict in Ukraine to "study the tactics of the Russian troops in order to understand how [they] can protect the territory of NATO member countries in the future". Well, how should we respond to that?

Our brothers, the Ukrainian people, have been taken hostage by the nationalist junta in Kyiv and its Western handlers, who are condemning the people of Ukraine to a tragic fate. They are also taking aim at the population of Russian Crimea. If Ukraine and the NATO

countries believe that Crimea is not Russian, then that is a systemic threat to us, especially at a time when the Ukrainian Government is threatening to use US-made M142 HIMARS long-range multiple-launch rocket systems against the peninsula. Within the range of a potential strike from the aforementioned rocket system, as we understand it, is also the Kursk region of the Russian Federation, where increased activity by Western commercial reconnaissance assets has been recorded. In that connection, we once again warn the Ukrainian Government's Western handlers against rash acts of provocation that could lead to an even greater escalation of the situation. We recall the words of Russian President Vladimir Putin to the effect that "by and large, we have not yet started anything in earnest". Let us repeat: all threats to our country's security emanating from the territory of Ukraine will, in one way or another, be eliminated as a matter of self-defence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

Secondly, Western colleagues in the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) have asserted without supporting evidence that the Russian army is shelling the civilian population and employing the "archaic tactic of laying siege to cities". I beg to differ – this is not ours, but your "democratic" tactic of war applied to the inhabitants of Dresden, Hiroshima and – more recently – Belgrade and Mosul. As part of the demilitarization of Ukraine, our military is carrying out strikes exclusively on military targets, as the Russian Ministry of Defence reports at length on a daily basis.

Let me give you an example. On 14 July, the Russian Aerospace Forces launched a missile strike on the House of Officers in the city of Vinnytsia, which had been repurposed as a deployment point for troops. High-precision sea-launched Kalibr missiles hit two wings of the building, which is clearly visible in the pictures from different angles. At the time, a meeting was being held in the building attended by foreign arms suppliers and high-ranking representatives of the Ukrainian armed forces. They were discussing the transfer of the next shipment of airplanes and weapons to Kyiv, along with the organization of repairs to the Ukrainian aircraft fleet. Participants in the meeting were eliminated as legitimate military targets.

The Kyiv regime predictably hastened to accuse our armed forces of shelling a medical centre and a maternity hospital in Vinnytsia. To be clear, two of the three cruise missiles were right on target, hitting the House of Officers. One missile was partially destroyed at an extremely low altitude by the Ukrainian air defence system, after which it fell in several pieces on the city centre. The decision to shoot down the missiles was taken by the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, who were aware of the consequences. The inversion trail of the interception missiles of the Ukrainian armed forces has been recorded, and there are accurate objective control data. In this video, made in the first few minutes after the explosion, you can see how hastily the Ukrainian military is collecting the strike elements and fragments of the Ukrainian air defence missile. Numerous other videos and photos from the scene clearly show a large number of people in military uniforms with assault rifles. This refutes the Ukrainian claim that the House of Officers building was used as a civilian facility. The tragic deaths of civilians, which unfortunately include children, are the result of irresponsible actions by the authorities in Kyiv, who are capitalizing on "bloody public relations stunts". And not for the first time.

We have another question: who taught the Ukrainian armed forces and the Ukrainian neo-Nazis to use civilians as human shields? Was it not their NATO handlers, who for years

coached them in urban warfare using the Kill House simulator at the Yavoriv military training ground in the Lviv region? Who recommended the deployment of potential military targets in the central parts of cities? Why put the civilian population at risk by placing weapons and ammunition depots near civilian infrastructure facilities? In Soledar, Kharkiv, Odessa and Sloviansk, the Ukrainian armed forces are setting up firing points on the premises of schools, residential buildings and children's care homes, where people are being forcibly detained. Do we understand correctly that this is the norm for the Western "civilized" community? Have a look on your Wikipedia what the word "Untermensch" means. Europeans once put Russians and Ukrainians in this very category. We have not forgotten anything.

Thirdly, Western participating States in the FSC think for some reason they have the right to lecture others on how to fulfil their politico-military commitments. At the same time, as it says in the Bible, they cannot see the plank in their own eye. In violation of the principles of a responsible export control policy, of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and of the OSCE Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers, they have been actively "helping" Ukraine to kill civilians in Donbas for eight years, by shipping in tonnes of military goods. Not only is there a risk of these goods landing in the hands of terrorists outside Ukraine, they are already being used for terrorist purposes. Today, the way to cause maximum casualties among the civilian population of Donbas is to launch strikes from US-made multiple-launch rocket systems together with similar Soviet-designed systems at rapid intervals. This is terror in its purest form. Since mid-February, intensive shelling, notably using Western military equipment, has destroyed more than 5,500 residential buildings in the DPR alone, killing 258 citizens, including 16 children. Their blood is also on your hands.

Russian military personnel, together with DPR and LPR forces, are doing their utmost to put an end to the cynical shelling of peaceful neighbourhoods in Donbas. In the past week, a storage site containing British-supplied Harpoon anti-ship missiles was destroyed, as was a platoon of US-made M777 howitzers. A HIMARS multiple-launch rocket system was put out of action. The nationalists have suffered heavy losses: around 1,000 militants and foreign mercenaries have been eliminated in Mykolaiv, Kharkiv and the Siversk direction alone. As instructed by the Russian Minister of Defence, Army General Sergei Shoigu, priority attention will henceforth be given to destroying the enemy's long-range missile and artillery systems with high-precision weapons.

Incidentally, the Western OSCE participating States have been impressing on us for three months that the Russian army is completely ineffective and poorly equipped. We will not waste any time today in convincing them otherwise. Just look at how the situation is unfolding on the ground. Perhaps this will make you stop misleading the citizens of European Union and NATO countries, who set off as soldiers of fortune to fight on the Ukrainian Government's side, only to face a harsh reality afterwards. They are fated to become legitimate military targets.

Fourthly, we have also heard in this room the lie that "not a single Ukrainian shell has reached the territory of the Russian Federation". We understand the desire of our Western colleagues to whitewash their protégés. This is not going to work. I should like to propose talking to the inhabitants of the Kursk, Belgorod and Rostov regions and to the families of border guards who have experienced first-hand the consequences of the attacks and terrorist

acts perpetrated by the regime in Kyiv on our land and against our civilians since 2014. In recent months, there have been around fifty such incidents, including shelling, attacks involving unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), strikes on border checkpoints and the burning of an oil depot. On 15 July alone, 25 incursions from the Ukrainian side into the village of Dronovka in the Kursk region resulted in damage to a school, a medical centre, the village council and power lines.

These are by no means staged “bloodbaths” along the lines of Bucha, Kramatorsk and Kremenchuk, which the regime in Kyiv is churning out with the support of its Western handlers to demonize Russia and demand even more weapons for “testing” on civilians. European leaders and Western diplomats will not be making any pilgrimages to Dronovka. Clearly, this is different, bear that in mind.

One way or another, our armed forces intend to destroy enemy UAVs over the areas bordering Russia more effectively so as to put an abrupt stop to possible provocations. This also applies to the settlements liberated from the nationalists.

Fifthly, we have the slogans of the Western participating States about the weaponization of the food security problem. Let us begin by pointing out that the volume of grain blocked in Ukrainian ports is less than 1 per cent of global production, so it has no real impact on food security. In spite of this, a few months ago, we opened humanitarian corridors from Ukrainian ports, which are, however, still not being used. We called on the Western participating States to compel the Ukrainian Government to demine the Black Sea ports and allow ships to pass through Ukraine’s territorial waters. Instead of that, there is anti-Russian hysteria. But our colleagues, as always, overlook how in the Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, Kharkiv and Kherson regions the Ukrainian Nazis, together with fighters from the nationalist battalions, are deliberately setting fire to fields of grain, using helicopters and artillery. Truly a contribution to international food security.

On 13 July, during the quadripartite consultations between representatives of the United Nations, Russia, Türkiye and Ukraine in Istanbul, our country proposed measures to ensure food transportation to foreign countries, which would rule out the use of these logistical chains to deliver weapons and military equipment to Kyiv. Work on the final document of the Black Sea Initiative continues.

Mr. Chairperson,

In this round of negotiations that is drawing to a close, we could not escape the impression that the Western OSCE participating States had forgotten the purpose of the Forum and were too busy playing political games. Their behaviour so far has been fully in keeping with the logic behind the call by the Foreign Secretary from the banks of the Thames that: “NATO should ignore Russian rhetoric about retaliating against the Alliance’s expansion and arms supplies to Ukraine and continue to provide military support to Kyiv.” Well, as long as you carry on in this vein, the Europe built by the United States on an anti-Russian front will continue to suffer the most from the anti-Russian sanctions, to deplete its weapons arsenals and to purchase expensive US liquefied natural gas. We will not be a part of this spectacle. And if the Russian-Ukrainian talks, which were interrupted at the behest of the Ukrainian Government’s Anglo-Saxon handlers, are resumed, the terms will be completely different.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.