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On the ongoing crimes by the Kyiv regime and the dangerous policies of the Western alliance countries to escalate tensions

Mr. Chairperson,

On 2 May we marked the ninth anniversary of the tragedy that occurred at the Trade Union House in Odessa. Dozens of civilians who were standing up for law and order following the Maidan coup d'état in Kyiv, which had been orchestrated, funded and organized from abroad, were burned alive and brutally killed there in 2014.

That tragedy symbolizes the lawlessness of the ultra-nationalists and Banderites who have become the mainstay of the neo-Nazi regime in Kyiv: to this day, none of the real killers have been brought to justice. By way of window dressing, an attempt was made in Kyiv to shift the blame for everything that had happened on to the former [deputy] head of the Odessa police, Dmitry Fuchedzhi, by sentencing him *in absentia* on 18 April this year to 15 years' imprisonment on charges of organizing mass disturbances and exceeding his authority. Those who fired shots at the peaceful protesters and threw Molotov cocktails at them continue to walk free today.

This and many hundreds of other terrible crimes committed by the neo-Nazis in Ukraine remain unpunished. Against this backdrop, we are hearing statements by the Kyiv regime's foreign handlers who hypocritically feign concern for civilians – both in this room and at other forums. They care about people's lives only when these lives have practical propaganda value for the Western elites in spreading anti-Russian insinuations and lies. How else can one explain the cynical assessments made, for example, on 24 April this year by the European Union following the eighth meeting of the EU-Ukraine Human Rights Dialogue, in which “the stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy” and “respect for the rule of law and human rights” in the territories controlled by the Kyiv regime were noted?

Through their actions, the foreign sponsors of the puppet regime in Kyiv demonstrate that, wherever political expediency dictates, they will turn a blind eye to the norms and principles they claim to uphold and will continue to apply double standards, in an effort to inflict the greatest possible damage on Russia and all things Russian.

The Ukrainian neo-Nazis, nurtured by the West, keep on committing terrible crimes. Now, though, they are doing so using foreign weapons. NATO countries continue to invest in propping up the combat capability of Volodymyr Zelenskyy's formations, which are being used in a proxy war against Russia. In an interview with Interfax-Ukraine on 3 May, Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov confirmed this once again. He reiterated the argument that the Kyiv regime was carrying out the, as he put it, "NATO mission" to confront Russia – "doing what NATO has been preparing to do for several decades". And he added that the North Atlantic Alliance was flooding Ukraine with various types of weapons for this very purpose. Furthermore, Mr. Reznikov reported that representatives of the Ukrainian armed forces and NATO were engaged in joint military planning when it came to the use of the military equipment that had been delivered: "This is already happening between our generals in terms of discussing operations planning, since we are already using NATO weapons."

Not so long ago, the European Union announced plans to allocate 1 billion euros through the "European Peace Facility", or more accurately the "European War Fund", to supply artillery ammunition to the Kyiv regime. Joint deliveries of similar shells and missiles worth a further 1 billion euros are planned via the European Defence Agency. At the same time, plans have been unveiled to establish accelerated production of 155 mm and 152 mm calibre shells in at least 11 EU countries. At the end of April, the British authorities announced the shipment of thousands of shells, including highly toxic depleted uranium munitions, for subsequent use in NATO military equipment employed in the killing of Russians and Ukrainians. In addition, a new military supply package from the United States of America to the tune of 300 million dollars has been made public. What is more, US and NATO officials have already repeatedly announced some sort of military offensive by the Ukrainian armed forces deep into Russian Federation territory. We emphasize that, despite the NATO countries raring to fight with Russia "down to the last Ukrainian" (while at the same time denying their involvement in the conflict), our country will take all the necessary measures, including military and humanitarian ones, to protect its citizens and the security of its borders.

It is already clear now that the military capabilities of the Kyiv regime have been significantly undermined by high-precision strikes carried out by the Russian Aerospace Forces. Recent examples include the elimination of up to 200 tonnes of ammunition belonging to the Ukrainian armed forces as a result of the destruction of a train at a railway station near the city of Kramatorsk in the Donetsk People's Republic. Or the elimination of an ammunition depot in the city of Pavlohrad in the Dnipropetrovsk region. The weapons destroyed, of course, also include NATO supplies, which will no longer be able to be used in the conflict.

On 28 April, a nine-storey residential building in the city of Uman in the Cherkasy region was damaged as a result of the Kyiv regime's inept use of air defence systems. There have been reports of casualties, including children. We should like to point out that the Kyiv regime's unprofessional use of air defence systems deployed near densely populated residential areas is the main cause of such incidents. We emphasize that, as part of the Russian special military operation, precision weapons are being employed exclusively to neutralize facilities used by the Kyiv regime for military purposes; the civilian population is not being targeted.

Over in Kyiv they are setting different objectives. Also on 28 April, Zelenskyy's formations carried out massive shelling of the Kyivskiy district of the city of Donetsk, where there are no military facilities whatsoever, using multiple-launch rocket systems. Residential buildings were damaged, and a minibus taxi took a direct hit. Nine people were killed, including a child – an eight-year-old girl.

The Kyiv regime has no qualms about engaging in terrorist practices. Its crimes include the terrorist attack on the Crimean Bridge and the assassination of philosopher Darya Dugina and publicist Maxim Fomin, who went by the *nom de plume* Vladlen Tatarsky. On 27 April, the chief of the Priazovsky

district police department in the city of Melitopol, Oleksandr Mishchenko, was killed as a result of an explosion near the entrance to an apartment building. A further police officer was injured. In addition, over the past week a number of acts of sabotage have been committed along railway lines in the Bryansk region, which have disrupted freight and passenger traffic. Electricity pylons have been blown up in the Leningrad region, though a few additional explosive devices were defused.

On 3 May, the Russian Federal Security Service reported that it had foiled preparations for an assassination attempt on the leaders of the Republic of Crimea, which was to have been carried out by the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Kyiv regime's Ministry of Defence. Seven members of this network of agents have been detained and it has been established from their confessions that military intelligence officer Roman Mashovets, who has served as deputy head of the Office of the President of Ukraine since 2020, was the organizer of the planned assassination attempt. Five ready-to-use improvised explosive devices, trigger mechanisms, communications equipment and British-made plastic explosives with a total weight of around six kilograms were found in the possession of the detained individuals.

The aforementioned facts point to the terrorist nature of the Kyiv regime and to its readiness to support, plan and carry out sabotage attacks, with unarmed civilians – citizens of Russia and other countries – destined to become the victims.

In the early hours of 3 May, two unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) approached the Russian President's residence at the Kremlin. A timely and effective response by the Russian Ministry of Defence and the intelligence agencies allowed them to promptly knock out the UAVs, and there were no casualties. We must stress that the planned drone attack was an attempted act of terrorism and an attempt on the life of the President of the Russian Federation. Our country will, of course, not allow these actions to go unanswered. We should like to draw attention to the statement on this subject issued by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 4 May this year, which we recommend you read carefully.¹

To sum up. In the light of the statements by officials of the Kyiv regime and its foreign sponsors about their desire for an armed escalation, we warn against attempts to conduct an offensive deep into Russian territory and destabilize the situation in neighbouring countries. All of this – we must emphasize – will not bring military success and will not have any effect on our country's determination to defend its national interests, but will only lead to needless casualties and destruction. In any event, Russia's actions will be measured, well-considered and commensurate with the growing threats. And they will be effective.

Our country is determined to consistently pursue all the objectives of the special operation. The resolution of the Ukrainian crisis will, of course, involve a return to substantive dialogue on a demilitarized and denazified future for Ukraine and the elimination of threats to the security of Russia – and to the security of the entire region – created by the West on Ukrainian territory. This dialogue must take into account the current realities and be conducted with people who manage to find the strength to act in the interests of the inhabitants of Ukraine themselves, rather than those of the Kyiv regime's foreign handlers.

Thank you for your attention.

1 Foreign Ministry statement on the attempted terrorist attacks against the Moscow Kremlin – the residence of the President of the Russian Federation: https://mid.ru/ru/foreign_policy/news/1867054/?lang=en