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On the ongoing attempts by some participating States to undermine efforts at finding a long-term and sustainable peaceful solution to the Ukrainian crisis

Mr. Chairperson,

As I have already mentioned today, the Kyiv regime and its sponsors have been working tirelessly, over the past few days, to derail the efforts of Russian and US diplomats to find a formula for a sustainable peace settlement of the Ukrainian conflict on the basis of the understandings reached by our leaders in Anchorage last summer. An attempt was made on the life of Lieutenant General Vladimir Alekseyev, a member of our negotiating team in Abu Dhabi, and the Kyiv regime continued its attacks on civilians in Russian towns and cities and on energy facilities on the territory of our country, eliciting our legitimate and robust response. It has become even more obvious that the true goal of Zelenskyy and his clique remains the derailment of any diplomatic initiatives that could put an end to the hostilities on a long-term basis.

Not far behind him are the European sponsors of the regime in Kyiv, who have their own interest in prolonging the conflict. They admit this almost openly. For example, Wolfgang Ischinger, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference, which begins this week, bluntly stated that ending the war in Ukraine would be disadvantageous for Europe. He sees the rapid establishment of peace in that country as “a threat to NATO countries on the eastern flank”. The logic here is simple: Ukraine must fight down to the last Ukrainian in order to weaken Russia as much as possible and bleed it dry. Even at the cost of its own demise. Whether Ukrainians want to fight or not is of no interest to the European Russophobes – Ukraine has already been sacrificed, and they could not care less about what will happen to it after the conflict. At best, they see it as a kind of buffer against Russia; at worst, as exhausted expendable material in the geopolitical confrontation with our country.

Zelenskyy is picking up on these sentiments among the Europeans and readily offering them the lives of his fellow citizens, treating them as expendable. For example, he has set the new Defence Minister, Fedorov, the outrageous task of “bringing the number of Russian losses per month up to 50,000 troops”, this he considers to be the “optimal level”. The inadequacy of the head of the Kyiv regime and the disconnect between this propaganda task and reality are plain to see in this context – he still claims that Ukraine has lost 55,000 soldiers since the beginning of the conflict. The facts, however, tell a different story – suffice it to

say that, since the summer of 2025 alone, Russia has handed over the remains of 12,000 Ukrainian soldiers to Ukraine, receiving 200 bodies in return.

However, not all politicians in Europe today are well versed in logic and mathematics, and some of them eagerly seized on Zelenskyy's remarks, trying to present his statement as confirmation that things are not so bad for Ukraine on the front line. This self-deception can go on indefinitely, ignoring the reality that Ukrainian units are suffering one defeat after another on the battlefield, all the while abandoning more and more territory. And in order to force their compatriots to fight – after all, the Ukrainian army has not seen volunteers for a very long time now – Ukrainian military recruiters are waging a real war against their own population, using brute force and even weapons. As a result, the number of just the officially recorded cases of attacks on military recruiters, who are openly and widely referred to in Ukraine as members of the *polizei*, as the fascist death squads were in their time, has increased seventyfold. In reality, though, the situation is much worse.

It is not difficult to imagine the mood of those who have been mobilized in this way when they reach the front line: according to official data, the number of deserters has exceeded 300,000. I repeat once again – these are figures from official Ukrainian sources, so the real numbers are significantly higher. And only the term-expired Kyiv princeling, who usurped power, is trying to ignore the fact that his country is sliding towards complete military, economic and social collapse.

This is extremely unpleasant to realize not least for those in Europe who from the outset supported the “anti-Russia” project being implemented in Ukraine in the hope of inflicting a geopolitical defeat on our country. And now they are trying with all their might to eviscerate the “spirit of Anchorage”, attempting to reduce it to some kind of territorial compromise, while remaining silent about the most important thing – the humanity-hating, Russophobic nature of the Kyiv regime, which must be changed if a long-term and sustainable peace settlement is to be possible.

Be that as it may, having sensed which way the wind is blowing, many Europeans are now making considerable efforts to secure a place for their countries at the negotiating table, grudgingly admitting after months of futile attempts to “cancel” Russia that they will have to talk to our country anyway. At the same time, they are not abandoning their anti-Russian course, continuing to brainwash the population of their own countries with horror stories about the Russian threat and the inevitable attack by our country on NATO in a few years' time. We are also seeing concrete steps in this direction. Last week, for example, reports emerged about how Germany was planning to deploy around 5,000 troops and 105 tanks on Lithuania's border with Belarus. And in the United Kingdom, according to media reports, the military is undergoing training at a training ground that recreates the zone of hostilities in Ukraine.

Colleagues, do you really think that we are so naive that we do not see your military preparations and do not understand that you are not in the least bit interested in any peaceful settlement? Who in Russia will believe you after so many years of lies and provocations, baseless attempts to erase history before February 2022 and portray our country as the embodiment of global evil? Especially given that your selective blindness and double standards, which you continue to apply to the actions of the Kyiv regime, have long since destroyed any remnants of trust between us.

This point should also be taken into account by all international organizations that are now trying to adapt to the new global realities, as we said quite frankly to our guests from the OSCE last week. Whatever the attitude of the current Chairmanship and the Secretary General, it is difficult to ignore the fact that NATO and the European Union have consistently and shamelessly spent many years transforming this Organization from a platform for pan-European dialogue into a Russophobic instrument for exerting pressure and justifying hybrid warfare against Russia. Contrary to the fundamental principle of equal and

indivisible security, Western-centric approaches and the complete “Ukrainization” of the OSCE’s work are still being imposed on us today. What can the OSCE offer us today in these circumstances?

We see a way out of this impasse, into which Western countries have driven us, through the realization of initiatives to build a new Eurasian security architecture. Many conscientious and peace-loving global players and regional organizations such as the Eurasian Economic Union, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the BRICS group and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations are currently working on this concept. Our initiative regarding the Great Eurasian Partnership, along with the Belarusian proposal to draw up a Eurasian Charter of Diversity and Multipolarity in the Twenty-First Century, are aimed at its implementation. We hope that the OSCE will also find the strength and resources to join in this work.

Colleagues, security on our Eurasian continent must be built upon the cornerstone of respect for the key interests of all the countries of this continent and can only be comprehensive, equal and indivisible for all. For now, however, NATO’s efforts to drag out the Ukrainian conflict are moving in the opposite direction – the Alliance is seeking to prevent the creation of a sustainable international security architecture that would take into account the interests of Russia and other influential global players. If this logic does not change, difficult and extremely dangerous times await us all, and any talk of new security guarantees will be perceived as nothing more than a smokescreen for preparing for the next, even more dangerous phase of confrontation. Just as there was a time when the Minsk agreements were used to prepare Ukraine for war with Russia and to militarize the country.

Thank you for your attention.