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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,

In February, Russian diplomacy continued to consistently strive for a sustainable peace in Ukraine based on addressing the root causes of the Ukrainian conflict. We were actively opposed in this endeavour by European countries that are not interested in the Russian-US efforts succeeding and that are persistently promoting a course of escalation and egging on their protégés in Kyiv accordingly. Suffused as it is with hatred of Russia, their mind is as yet unable to grasp that eradication of the Ukrainian conflict's root causes is not a concession to our country but, rather, a contribution to the long-term stability of Europe and a step towards upholding the "human values" that the Europeans so champion in other contexts.

Europe's militarism is most distinctly borne out by the latest Ramstein-format meeting, which took place in Brussels on 12 February. Despite the depletion of their own reserves and the deteriorating economic situation, the European Russophobes promised the Kyiv regime additional military aid to the tune of 35 billion dollars paid out of their taxpayers' pockets. The most active sponsors of this "wacky race", which is suicidal for the incumbent authorities in Kyiv, are Germany, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Denmark.

The cynicism of the NATO warmongers' actions was encapsulated by the Alliance's Secretary General, Mark Rutte, who said that support for Ukraine should continue irrespective of the progress of the peace talks. His remarks were seconded by Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, who called for all "red lines" to be abandoned and for the Kyiv regime to be provided with long-range weapons for strikes against Russia.

That the course steered by Europe is aimed at wholesale militarization and at whipping up war hysteria against Russia was most vividly demonstrated by the recent Munich Security Conference. Indeed, it was already being discussed there how the preparation of Europe for war would continue regardless of the dynamics of the peace settlement process in Ukraine. Thus, the UK and German defence chiefs published a joint statement in two major European newspapers at once in which they sought to scare ordinary people

with the bogeyman of the “Russian threat” and demanded that the population tighten its belt and accept the “moral” case for rearmament.

However, the problem for the European militarists is that nowadays it is essentially only Zelenskyy and his inner circle who want there to be fighting in Ukraine, whereas the Ukrainians are keen for there to be peace and are running away from the jackbooted draft officers at the first opportunity. For that reason, no matter how much you arm the powers that be in Kyiv, the military outlook for them is hopeless. Those who want Ukraine to sacrifice all its citizens to their geopolitical ambitions have therefore come up with yet another “brilliant plan”, namely to secretly supply that country with a “Wunderwaffe”, which is to be passed off as the latest non-existent Ukrainian-developed technology.

Thus, a few days ago, our intelligence services uncovered secret plans by the United Kingdom and France to secretly transfer to Ukraine nuclear weapons and their means of delivery, specifically European components, equipment and technologies falling into this category. The French-built TN75 small-sized warhead used on the M51.1 submarine-launched ballistic missiles is being considered as one such option. The elites in Paris and London, who have lost all sense of reality, are calculating that Zelenskyy, the usurper of power in Ukraine, could seek more favourable terms for ending the hostilities if he gets his hands on a nuclear bomb or at least a “dirty” bomb.

We wish to strongly state that we will not allow such plans to be executed and will take the reports about them into account during the talks on Ukraine. Even the mere intent to transfer nuclear weapon components of any kind to the Kyiv regime is a flagrant violation of the non-proliferation regime. We call upon the European public, parliamentarians and journalists to undertake the necessary investigations and punish those who are hatching such criminal plans.

Meanwhile, European non-nuclear-weapon States, too, are beginning to flirt with this most dangerous of topics. For example, the President of Poland is already talking openly about wanting to possess a nuclear bomb. Similarly, Estonia’s Foreign Minister is saying that, if necessary, his country could host NATO Allies’ nuclear weapons on its territory. We warn those who are counting on fooling around with “nuclear matches” that such a scenario would bring our relations to a fundamentally different level of escalation and prompt the strongest possible response from us. And you know full well what our actual capabilities are in that regard, no matter how much you try to downplay them.

Colleagues, in view of such plans, statements and practical steps, we are surprised that you have the nerve to claim a place at the table in the talks on a settlement of the Ukrainian crisis! Surely it is not the done thing to come to talks with a dagger up your sleeve, or is this some new European cultural invention? Your belief that we do not notice any of this leads one, frankly, to speculate very much as to whether you are of sound mind.

It is particularly regrettable that we are obliged to recall these copybook maxims within the walls of an organization that was set the task of addressing issues related to security and co-operation in Europe. To start with, the NATO bloc snuffed out any incipient mutual understanding (and reciprocal consideration of interests) with Russia on security issues and put NATO’s unchecked expansion ahead of everything else. Then, from 2014 onwards, if not earlier, the authorities in Brussels and other Western capitals began implementing an anti-Russian project in Ukraine and arming that country so as to prepare it for war with Russia. As soon as that war broke out, they became most actively involved in it, using the Ukrainians as cat’s paws to conduct proxy combat operations against our country. And now, having realized that Ukraine’s military potential is close to exhaustion, they have conceived the idea of giving it nuclear weapons. Do you understand that the next step is nuclear conflict, which by definition cannot be a regional one? Where do you intend to sit it out? On the moon?

If you have even a shred of reason left in you, you would do well to stop all this militaristic folly as soon as possible. Opportunities for the corresponding dialogue are provided by the OSCE platform, among others, and we are ready to use it for that purpose. However, we have so far not been hearing anything from you here other than your twisted and surreal discourse on Ukraine and your half-baked fantasies about some sort of role that the OSCE could allegedly play in the monitoring of hypothetical agreements on Ukraine.

Thank you for your attention.