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**STATEMENT IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY BY  
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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On Ukraine**

Mr. Chairperson,

I shall speak in exercise of my right of reply.

Behind the pro-Ukrainian rhetoric of our European colleagues, which we have just once again been forced to listen to, lies something that none of them dares to mention. Ukraine is attempting to cover up the catastrophic situation on the front line – where the Russian army has again launched active offensive operations – by flooding the media space with reports of terrorist attacks against the civilian population in Russia.

Over the past week, the Ukrainian Nazis' artillery, missile and drone attacks claimed 198 civilian casualties: 174 people were injured, including nine minors, and 24 people were killed, including two minors. All in all, the Ukrainian armed formations launched nearly 3,500 strikes on civilian objects on Russian territory over the past seven days, using artillery shells (including some with cluster warheads), mines and unmanned combat aerial vehicles. Almost all of this weaponry, as we are all well aware, has been manufactured and supplied by the Western accomplices in the Kyiv regime's crimes.

The highest number of civilian casualties was recorded in the Belgorod, Kherson, Zaporozhye and Samara regions, as well as in the Donetsk People's Republic and the Lugansk People's Republic. Ukrainian "fighters" have launched strikes on vehicles belonging to volunteer groups carrying out humanitarian missions, on medical facilities and ambulances, and have attacked civilian targets in densely populated areas, which testifies to the deliberate nature of these strikes and a desire to inflict the greatest possible harm on the civilian population.

Over the past week, the Kyiv junta has been particularly frenzied in its attacks on fuel storage facilities in southern Russia, forgetting that these contain oil and petroleum products intended for export and for which payment has already been made. In other words, they are deliberately exacerbating the energy crisis in this way, including within the European Union. But Zelenskyy, in his pursuit of good publicity, is trying to turn a blind eye to this. What is more, in a recent interview, the former comedian boasted that his allies had asked him not to carry out strikes against Russia's fuel infrastructure, but he had refused. This

confirms that Zelenskyy does not care about the global energy crisis, which is also affecting his own country; it is far more important for him to indulge his pathological delusions of grandeur.

Among the crimes committed by the Kyiv regime this week was yet another act of nuclear terrorism. On 27 April 2026, a Ukrainian drone strike on the transport department at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant (NPP) killed one of the plant's employees – a civilian driver who was just doing his job at this critical infrastructure facility.

Needless to say, attacks on nuclear industry facilities pose a threat not only to people but also to the security of the entire region. It was Ukraine that was holding forth in this room just last week on the threat caused by a drone strike on the “sarcophagus” at the Chernobyl NPP in early 2025 – a strike which, incidentally, Ukraine itself had launched. As for the Zaporizhzhia NPP, the Kyiv regime's terrorists shell it regularly and without even trying to hide the fact. Russia is insisting on an investigation by the International Atomic Energy Agency into the strike carried out on 27 April.

It is telling that Zelenskyy's entire international “support team” prefers not only to turn a blind eye to the Kyiv regime's attacks on the largest nuclear power station in Europe, but also to endorse its mendacious narrative that Russia is carrying out these strikes. Just think about it: the world community is being asked to believe that instead of the three NPPs on Ukrainian territory – Rivne, Khmelnytskyi and South Ukraine – Russia is, for some reason, shelling the one under its control. Then again, our European neighbours lost whatever shred of logic they had left long ago, replacing it with primitive Russophobia. It is far easier to blame Russia for everything than it is to use one's head.

Once again, we are obliged to note that the Zelenskyy regime's sponsors are prepared to turn a blind eye to any crimes committed by the Ukrainian Nazis, so long as they are perpetrated against the Russian people. This reveals the rotten core of our European neighbours, who concealed their Russophobia for so many years until, with the implementation of the “Ukraine project” or, more accurately, the “anti-Russia project”, it burst forth with great force.

We felt this all too clearly back in 2014, when dozens of anti-Maidan activists were burned alive in Odessa's Trade Union House by Ukrainian nationalists who had only just seized power. At the time, the West acted as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened. The day after tomorrow, 2 May, we will mark the 12th anniversary of this tragedy, for which no one in Ukraine has been punished.

And just a few days ago, we had reason to recall yet another large-scale and deliberate crime committed by the Zelenskyy regime. On 26 April 2026, Russia marked the anniversary of the Kursk region's liberation from the Ukrainian Nazis and death squads, who killed, tortured and raped local residents and looted their homes right before the eyes of the Kyiv regime's Western sponsors, who hypocritically referred to all this as Ukraine “exercising its right to self-defence”. The last of the Kursk region residents who had been taken captive by the Ukronazis at that time returned home as a result of a humanitarian exchange only this month. Not one of our Western colleagues has uttered a single word in support of these people this year, as if they did not even exist.

We are therefore not surprised by your hypocrisy and criminal blindness with regard to the crimes being committed by the Kyiv regime on a daily basis. And no matter how hard you try to protect your Kyiv protégés from retribution, by dressing them up in sheep's clothing and portraying them as innocent victims of so-called unprovoked Russian aggression, and to prolong their death throes, you will not succeed. The objectives of our special operation will be fully achieved, and it seems that we will have to do this exclusively by military means, since you consistently reject the diplomatic route. I shall elaborate on this in more detail during my statement under the relevant agenda item.

Mr. Chairperson,

In concluding, I cannot fail to touch upon the topic of children, the latest round of hysteria surrounding which has been whipped up in recent days and weeks by the Kyiv regime's handlers. Yet this supposed concern for the younger generation of Ukrainians has absolutely nothing to do with the actual fate of Ukrainian children.

For instance, in material distributed by Europol following an event for computer experts (a "hackathon") held in The Hague on 16 and 17 April, it is claimed that the Russian authorities have transferred or deported more than 19,500 Ukrainian children to the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus. At the same time, no one seems to be bothered by the fact that the material from this very same gathering contained unsubstantiated information about only 45 such children. It was also claimed, without any evidence, that some of these alleged "deported children" may be taking part in military operations against Ukraine. As they say, if you are going to lie, you might as well do a good job of it – after all, no one in the West has been providing any evidence in such cases for a long time now.

We note that you are not prepared to engage in a meaningful, professional discussion on this sensitive topic, backed up by concrete evidence. Nor are you raising this issue in order to prove anything. If you wanted the truth, you would have made an effort to at least try to refute the information provided by the relevant Russian agencies and repeatedly presented by us at Permanent Council meetings regarding the fate of 339 children, a list of whom was transmitted to us by the Kyiv regime (which had previously been loudly proclaiming a figure of 20,000 such cases) after repeated reminders. Better still, we would recommend that you concern yourselves with the fate of the Ukrainian children living in Ukraine, whom the term-expired Ukrainian President is condemning to a life of orphanhood and poverty simply to fulfil your own sick geopolitical fantasies with regard to Russia.

Thank you for your attention.