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

Mr. Chairperson,

As I already pointed out today, the Kyiv regime and its handlers are demonstrating on a daily basis that they have no interest in a peaceful and long-term settlement of the Ukrainian conflict. The leader of the Kyiv clique is by now speaking about this pretty much openly. In an interview last week, he urged people not to make a sensation out of the fact that US negotiators Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner might visit Kyiv, as such a visit was something, I quote, “necessary not to us but to them”. That is, Zelenskyy now views the US mediators’ efforts to save his country from military collapse and the Ukrainian people from extinction as something distracting him from more important matters!

It would seem that the puppets in Kyiv have finally staked their all on the European “globalists” as they foresee that the US administration – mired as it is in yet another Middle Eastern adventure – will ease the pressure on Ukraine aimed at concluding sustainable, long-term agreements to resolve the Ukrainian crisis. And as they are also looking forward to further billions of euros from Brussels, money that can be used not only to wage war but also to ensure a life of luxury for the corrupt Ukrainian elite – we have already spoken of the so-called Ukrainian resilience, as measured in terms of Bentley sales figures. Moreover, the junta leader makes no secret of his medium-term strategy – to sit out the remainder of President Trump’s term alongside his European accomplices, which is why receiving security guarantees from the US President no longer suits him, as may be inferred from Zelenskyy’s pronouncements.

In that same interview, the princeling of Kyiv describes his country as a “bulwark for the whole of Europe”. In other words, he is making it clear that, under his rule, Ukraine is prepared to continue acting as a pawn in the anti-Russian game that the Western sponsors of his regime are trying to play to the end. Ukrainian social media groups are openly stating that Europe is granting Zelenskyy a new multi-billion-euro loan in exchange for his ramping up mobilization and lowering the age of conscription so that hundreds of thousands more Ukrainians can be sent to the front lines, into a senseless, fratricidal meat grinder.

Ukrainian propagandists are now doing the rounds of television channels and calling for the mobilization of women to be initiated at once, as the supply of men is running out. According to the Russian

Ministry of Defence, the Ukrainian armed forces have lost around 2 million personnel since the start of the special military operation. Everyone understands that Ukrainians do not want to fight; everyone can see that these are being rounded up on the streets like cattle and sent to be slaughtered. More and more new footage is appearing on Ukrainian social media that shows this forced mobilization and how conscripts are beaten up by the “people-catchers”, that is, by the jackbooted draft officers. But no one cares about the views of ordinary citizens. The term-expired Ukrainian President, who has usurped power, has deprived his people of any opportunity to express their opinion, while “democratic Europe” pretends that this is as it should be.

The explanation for this latest manifestation of European “selective blindness” is very simple: according to information leaked to the media, in exchange for a new loan worth 90 billion euros, the scrounging Kyiv regime has been tasked with rounding up and sending to the front 1.5 million Ukrainian men and women in 2026–2027. Which means that the Zelenskyy “death factory” will only continue to pick up steam, sacrificing all of the country’s citizens and depriving Ukraine of any worthwhile future. And it is evident that the European instigators of this wholesale extermination of Ukrainians will be the last to call him to his senses.

What is more, civilized Europe is not merely turning a blind eye to all this, but is in every way helping Ukraine’s executioner to bring about this scenario, a fatal one for the country. Following yet another round of trips to European capitals by the Kyiv butcher to beg for money and weapons, officials there have begun promising him that conscription-age men – who had previously been assured of having found refuge and protection in Europe – will be deported to Ukraine. In particular, this is being unequivocally pointed out by the German authorities. There is every reason to believe that the European-Ukrainian joint venture for the rounding up of Ukrainian cannon fodder will soon be operating at full capacity.

Such a scenario clearly fits in with the plans of the current EU leadership, which is quite delusional in its manic striving to defeat Russia and is aiming for military confrontation with our country – that is, it is implementing a scenario which, as recent data shows, is supported by only a distinct minority of European citizens. But who in today’s European Union cares about the opinion of ordinary Europeans? Certainly not the EU leadership, which was not directly elected by any of the EU countries’ citizens!

That is why the public in EU countries continues to be bombarded with scare stories about Russia’s plans to attack the European Union by 2030 or 2035, for which Europe must prepare thoroughly and fully undergo militarization – what is more, most likely without the support it formerly received from the United States of America. In particular, the Belgian Chief of Defence, General Frederik Vansina, recently spoke about this in an interview. He is also echoed by European Commissioner Andrius Kubilius, who cynically remarked that, in the European Union’s interests, Ukraine must until then continue to act as a “human shield” against Russia. Could one possibly express more clearly what fate Zelenskyy’s puppet masters have in store for Ukraine?

It must therefore be acknowledged that, rather than seeking ways to de-escalate the situation and addressing the causes that have led to a most acute crisis of European security, as starkly illustrated by the hostilities in Ukraine, European countries are consciously continuing to bank on the stoking of confrontation as they prolong the death throes of the criminal regime in Kyiv at the expense of the lives of ordinary Ukrainians. To that end, they are even prepared to trample on what remains of international law, allowing Ukrainian drones to fly through their airspace and establishing production facilities on their territory for the manufacture of such drones. And all their schemes for a pseudo settlement ultimately boil down to preserving that regime, with all its monstrous and inhumane components, to patching it up, rearming it, and setting it loose on Russia again. The European establishment simply has no other ideas to offer at present.

What is so disappointing about all this, Mr. Chairperson, is not only Europe's devolution into a Russophobic authoritarian entity obsessed with war against Russia, but also the utter impotence of our Organization, which is supposedly meant to deal with security issues. At the whim of the European Union, which has bent the OSCE to its will, you and we are forced here, at best, to discuss topics of secondary importance while sidestepping the most pressing issue – an issue that is plain for us all to see and that could genuinely jeopardize the future not only of Europe, but of humanity as a whole. Yet you, and those who occasionally allow themselves to hold forth on the importance of dialogue within the OSCE, lack the courage and resolve to even just attempt to take practical steps towards steering Europe off this Titanic-like, suicidal course.

There is no doubt that our descendants will not forgive such faint-heartedness on the part of those playing at this unworthy game. That is, if they live to see the day, of course.

Thank you for your attention.