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On the increasing military involvement of certain NATO and EU member States in further confrontation in and around Ukraine

Madam Chairperson,

The Russian Federation is obliged once again to note the extreme partisanship and bias of the Finnish Chairmanship. The OSCE Troika's statement of 29 August and likewise the holding of two propagandistic special meetings of the Permanent Council on 25 August and 9 September to promote the aggressive narratives of the "Coalition of the Willing" attest to Finland's complete abandonment of the principles of impartiality and objectivity. It is particularly outrageous that the Finnish Chairmanship is systematically ignoring the Kyiv regime's war crimes, including strikes on Russia's civilian population and critical infrastructure.

The originators of the aforementioned statement cynically disregarded the intensification of terrorist attacks against Russian regions by Volodymyr Zelenskyy's formations. Over the last week of August alone, the Ukrainian armed forces committed an array of serious crimes against the civilian population of Russia that claimed the lives of 19 civilians, including one child, and left 121 injured, including eight minors. The Belgorod, Bryansk, Volgograd and Kursk regions, the People's Republics of Donetsk and Lugansk, Crimea and the Kherson region were subjected to barbaric shelling and sabotage attacks. Of particular concern are the strikes on critical infrastructure, including an attempted attack on the Kursk nuclear power plant and the deliberate destruction of half the ambulance fleet in front-line areas of the Kherson region, which demonstrates the systematic nature of the Kyiv regime's crimes against the civilian population.

Nor did the OSCE Troika mention the Kyiv regime's terrorist attacks on energy infrastructure facilities – actions that pose a particular danger. Between 13 and 22 August, the Ukrainian armed forces carried out a series of attacks on the Druzhba oil pipeline, which is of critical importance for the energy security of several Eastern European countries, such as Hungary and Slovakia. The European Commission's cynical attitude in ignoring these attacks on an oil pipeline, and thereby giving, in effect, carte blanche for the continuation of strikes on energy infrastructure, exposes the mendacious rhetoric about "European solidarity" for what it is.

We must also remind the Troika's representatives that the Kyiv regime has not stopped its aggressions against civilians in September either. Thus, on 8 September, the 82nd anniversary of the liberation of Donetsk from the German fascist invaders, the Kyiv regime committed yet another barbaric act by attacking that city's civilian infrastructure in what may truly be described as a profane "gift" to the residents of Donbass on so memorable a date. This and other acts of terrorism against the civilian population in Russian regions in the early hours of 9 September that led to loss of life are being carried out using foreign weapons and prohibited munitions with the full connivance of the regime's sponsor countries, including Western permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. Moreover, Mr. Zelenskyy, true to form, is trying as always to lay the responsibility on Russia.

We can see how the intransigent anti-Russian wing of Western countries has formed into a "Coalition of the Willing" that is sparing no effort to drag out the conflict and undermine attempts to bring about a settlement while engaging in accelerated militarization at home. The leaders of a number of European countries are hindering efforts towards a settlement by egging the Kyiv regime on to make unrealistic demands. At the same time, they are presenting Russia with maximalist conditions that are patently impossible to fulfil, demanding, in effect, that our country capitulate. Tellingly, we are increasingly hearing pronouncements from European politicians to the effect that Russia will remain the principal threat to the West even after the end of the Ukrainian conflict. This is a line that German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has been pursuing with particular alacrity. Such pronouncements are the best possible confirmation of Russia's position that the events in and around Ukraine are merely a smokescreen for the militarization of Europe and a tool for inflicting damage on our country. This point is clearly illustrated by German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius's recent remarks about launching an initiative to support strikes by Ukraine deep into Russian territory and investing in the Ukrainian production of long-range drones.

Madam Chairperson,

The US administration headed by President Donald Trump has of late been undertaking active diplomatic efforts in the Ukrainian context. On 15 August, the Russian and US Presidents held extremely useful talks in Alaska on the Ukraine issue and other matters; they have also had several substantive telephone conversations. We note that the current US administration is displaying a far more responsible approach and starting to listen to Russia regarding the underlying causes of the Ukrainian conflict.

Whereas Russia and the United States of America demonstrated in Anchorage a genuine striving for a comprehensive and just settlement of the conflict, a number of European countries are continuing with their persistent attempts to undermine those efforts. The provocative statements coming from several capitals, above all London, which include proposals for the stationing of a Western military contingent in Ukraine, not only jar with the ongoing peace initiatives, but also betray a fixation with the idea of constantly escalating the conflict.

Having failed to achieve its goal of getting the US Government back on track with the zealous rendering of support to the Kyiv regime that pertained in the days of the Joe Biden administration, the "Coalition of the Willing" is throwing everything it has at its new brainchild, namely the provision of some sort of "security guarantees" for Ukraine by improving the combat capability of the Ukrainian armed forces and deploying a "peacekeeping contingent" to that country. Such ideas do not bring a settlement one inch closer and are utterly unacceptable to Russia. For some reason, the instigators of these ideas forget about the need for security guarantees for our country, whose vital interests must be taken into account if there is to be any progress at all.

If some foreign troops were to appear in Ukraine – especially now, during ongoing hostilities – our premise is that they would be an escalatory factor and, consequently, they would be regarded by the Russian

armed forces as legitimate targets. If, though, agreements are reached that lead to long-term peace, then there would be no point in having such troops on Ukrainian territory.

No sanctions will be able to force our country to alter its consistent position and desist from protecting its citizens. The only viable option for a settlement is one that takes Russia's security interests into consideration. The principles for resolving the crisis in and around Ukraine have been enunciated by our country's leadership on more than one occasion. Let us recap them briefly. A sustainable peace is impossible unless the root causes of the conflict are eliminated. These include threats to the security of Russia arising from NATO enlargement and from the attempts to draw Ukraine into that aggressive military bloc. A new system of security guarantees for Russia and Ukraine must be established as an integral part of a continent-wide architecture of equal and indivisible security in Eurasia. The security of Ukraine cannot be ensured at the expense of the security of other countries, not least that of the Russian Federation. That is why the inadmissibility of Ukraine's accession to NATO is a point of principle – what is more, not only now or in the medium term, but in the long run.

It is no less important to ensure the restoration of, and respect for, human rights in the territories that remain under the control of the Kyiv regime, which is currently wiping out everything connected with Russia and with Russian and Russian-speaking people – the Russian language, Russian culture and traditions, canonical Orthodoxy, Russian-language media. Ukraine is today the only country where there is a legislative prohibition on using the language spoken by a significant proportion of the population. People there are, rather, being inculcated with alien nationalistic “values”, including humanity-hating “ideals”. So that you can fathom the scale of this phenomenon, we urge you to study the latest annual report prepared by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the situation regarding the glorification of Nazism and the spread of neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. A substantial part of the report is devoted to the state of affairs in Ukraine. We have circulated this document at the OSCE.

To ensure a lasting peace, it is essential to recognize and enshrine in international law the new territorial realities that have arisen with the incorporation of Crimea, Sevastopol, the Donetsk People's Republic, the Lugansk People's Republic, and the Zaporozhye and Kherson regions into the Russian Federation following the referendums that were held there.

We must respond to those who, putting on a straight face, accuse Russia of allegedly not wanting peace and disdaining negotiation. In the spring of 2025, direct talks between Russia and Ukraine were resumed at the initiative of President Vladimir Putin. Three rounds took place in Istanbul, during which some progress was achieved on humanitarian issues: exchanges of prisoners of war and other captives, return of the bodies of the dead, etc. In addition, each side set out its vision regarding the conditions for ending the conflict. The heads of delegations are in direct contact with each other. We trust that the talks will be continued. Incidentally, Russia is still waiting for the Kyiv regime to respond to its proposal to establish three online working groups dealing with political, military and humanitarian issues. President Putin has also not ruled out the possibility of meeting with Mr. Zelenskyy.

In closing, we would point out that the West, which is agonizingly trying to preserve its world hegemony, has long since forfeited the moral right to lecture anyone about anything and impose its attitudes in the form of a “rules-based order”. The anti-Russian alliance's hypocritical stance on Ukraine is in stark contrast to the views of the global majority. And no amount of pressure can change this trend – the more sanctions and other coercion campaigns are put into play, the more the West's scope of influence will shrink.

There is growing awareness in the world that any country whatsoever could become the target of sanctions-based aggression. It is therefore quite logical that many countries from the Global South and in the East want to safeguard their foreign trade interests and are systematically cutting back on dependence on their historical relationship with the West. The major international events linked to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation that took place in China last week have confirmed that the global majority is interested in implementing key tasks for the shared destiny of humankind through dialogue and co-operation, whereas it rejects Western-imposed demands that it should cater exclusively to the interests of the “Golden Billion”.

Thank you for your attention.