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On the deliberate stoking of politico-military tensions in Europe by the Kyiv regime's accomplices

Distinguished Co-Chairpersons,

The very fact that, at the request of a number of NATO and EU delegations, this meeting has been convened is a blatant display of cynicism, given the complete lack of response from Romania and its NATO allies to the terrorist attack carried out by the Kyiv regime against students in the city of Starobelsk in the Lugansk People's Republic on 22 May. It is outrageous that you are going along with this line. Last week, you failed to respond to the Russian Federation's request to convene a special meeting of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation and the OSCE Permanent Council on that matter. Instead, you are clearly supporting an anti-Russian propaganda campaign based on numerous fabrications, and are thereby trading underfoot the OSCE's credibility altogether.

We strongly condemn the deliberate escalation of tensions in connection with the crash of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in the Romanian city of Galați on the night of 28 to 29 May. In the absence of any concrete evidence of the drone's Russian origin or of its place of launch, we regard this incident as yet another false-flag operation staged by the Kyiv regime with the aim of drawing neighbouring NATO States into an open conflict with Russia.

Before starting to throw around labels, the proper thing would have been to hand over to Russia objective data and the wreckage of the UAV for examination. In Russia we are prepared to conduct an objective, professional investigation based on the facts, rather than on conjectures or emotions. Only after that will we be able to provide an appraisal of what happened. That is how we have been proceeding in our dealings with US representatives, to whom, in December 2025, we handed over the flight control module and other components of the Ukrainian drones that had attacked the residence of Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin near Lake Valdai.

However, Romania does not take the trouble to present any evidence. Not so long ago, we were blamed for a "drone incident" in that very same city of Galați. However, while the authorities in Bucharest were busy whipping up a media frenzy, the Romanian law enforcement agencies carried out a "controlled

detonation” of the UAV in question. All the so-called pieces of evidence were destroyed by the accusers themselves. As the saying goes, it was all much ado about nothing. It is the same thing now – Romania is creating a hullabaloo at international platforms, but where is the objective data regarding the incident?

The details of the circumstances surrounding the UAV’s crash, as presented by Romania, raise questions both from a technical perspective and in terms of plain facts. We therefore propose to reconstruct the sequence of events.

First, in the early hours of 29 May the armed forces of the Russian Federation were indeed carrying out planned operations to demilitarize the Kyiv regime’s military infrastructure. These consistent and systematic measures are being taken in response to the Kyiv regime’s terrorist attacks on our country’s civilian infrastructure. Relevant evidence of the crimes committed by the Kyiv regime is regularly presented by Russia at the OSCE. Everyone in this room knows about these crimes, but many remain silent and in this way they are covering up for the Kyiv regime.

Secondly, the Russian military’s strikes targeted facilities at the port of Reni in Ukraine’s Odessa region, a port through which NATO and EU member States deliver military goods for the Ukrainian armed forces. These supplies are unloaded and stored there before being distributed across Ukraine for subsequent use in attacks on our civilian population. There should be no doubt in anyone’s mind that we are destroying such goods long before they are able to reach the front line.

Thirdly, according to official Romanian reports, a Russian-made Geran-2 UAV was allegedly detected flying into Galați, where it hit the roof of an apartment building. The warhead of this type of drone carries around 50 kg of explosives. If such a weapon system had, as is being claimed, crashed on to the roof of a building, the effect would not have been limited to the fire pictured by Romanian media outlets. The roof would have been completely destroyed.

Fourthly, the distance from the port of Reni to the aforementioned apartment building in Galați is 19.5 km. If the Ukrainian armed forces had managed to engage the Russian drone in the area of Reni, it would have crashed on the spot and, in any case, could not have flown such a long distance without exploding in mid-air. This raises the question as to who actually launched it in that case.

Assessments of any incident should be based on credible facts, and not on political slogans. In these circumstances, it would be instructive to carry out a psychological evaluation of the Romanian officials involved, for they could not seem to settle on a single version of what had happened. Initially, the talk was of an allegedly deliberate Russian strike on a civilian object. Just a few hours later, though, Romanian President Nicușor Dan stated that, as a result of having been engaged by Ukrainian air defence assets, a Russian UAV had altered its course and entered Romanian airspace.

If Romania truly had wanted to get to the bottom of the situation and resolve it, then it should have proposed a bilateral, depoliticized dialogue at the professional level. However, that is not what Romania was after. The haste with which the Romanian authorities fell over themselves to level accusations against our country without conducting any examinations speaks for itself. They had simply been looking for a pretext to implement their pre-planned measures to end Russia’s consular presence in Constanța, which involved ordering the Consul General to leave the country within 72 hours. This decision is disproportionate, unjustified and deliberately calculated to further damage bilateral relations. Russia reserves the right to take comprehensive retaliatory measures.

All this confirms that the “Romanian drone incident” is but the latest false-flag operation of the Kyiv regime and its sponsors. It is no coincidence that it took place the day after Zelenskyy requested President Trump to provide US-made Patriot air defence missiles and publicly complained that the United States of

America was not responding to his demands. At bottom, it has to do with creating new pretexts for NATO and the European Union to close ranks in their opposition against Russia and maintain bloc discipline, which includes looking for incentives to continue providing military support to the Zelenskyy regime. The same applies to the assertions coming from NATO's Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) and from EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas, who all rushed to apportion blame.

Listen, any random person on the street can see why you are doing all this. These are not harmless media warfare-style games, since such staged events are being directly used as an excuse for all too real actions, namely to punish the "accused" countries with sanctions, to ramp up arms shipments to the Kyiv regime, to use Ukraine as expendable material in the West's war against Russia, to thwart any peace efforts, to militarize Europe and prepare it for war against Russia, and last but not least, to preserve the bloc's unity, which exists only when there is a phantom threat from the East.

Not for nothing is every new incident involving an actual or alleged missile or drone overflight (let alone the crashing of such munitions or fragments thereof) over the territory of European countries treated as a convenient media backstory for the levelling of accusations against Russia and for the adoption, under that pretext, of the political decisions desired by the Brussels bloc. But all these incidents have been turning out to be media-hyped baloney.

On 11 March 2022, a UAV identified as "Russian" crashed in Croatia. In fact, the device had been designed and manufactured at the Kharkov Aircraft Plant in Soviet times. Such UAVs were deployed along the western border of the USSR.

In November 2022, a missile landed in the Polish village of Przewodów. The Kyiv regime and its Western backers blamed the Russian armed forces for this. However, a year later, Prosecutor General and Minister of Justice Zbigniew Ziobro admitted that both the place of launch and the missile itself were Ukrainian. Former Polish President Andrzej Duda explicitly confirmed that it had been a deliberate attempt by the Kyiv regime to drag Poland and, consequently, NATO, too, into the military conflict.

In December 2022, an allegedly Russian missile crashed near the city of Briceni in Moldova. However, a photograph from the scene of the incident showed the upper stage of an S-300 missile, which the Ukrainian armed forces had used to repel a Russian attack on Ukrainian military and energy infrastructure facilities. It simply could not have travelled all that distance from Russian-controlled territory.

In September 2025, an AIM-120 AMRAAM missile fired by a Polish F-16 fighter jet crashed into a house, causing damage to the building. The Polish authorities classified the investigation files. Incidentally, they never did respond to our proposal to examine the situation regarding the alleged incursion of Russian UAVs into the airspace of Poland through professional dialogue at the level of military experts.

In the autumn of 2025, "drone hysteria" swept across many European countries. However, there is still no evidence to support Denmark's allegations that Russian UAVs were "on standing patrol" near Copenhagen Airport in September. An investigation was conducted, but for some reason the authorities are not prepared to make the findings public. There is no imagery, no drone wreckage and no verified radar data. The local media are in any case already referring to this story as a storm in a teacup.

It is a similar situation in Belgium. The Flemish radio and television network VRT carried out an investigation whose findings cast doubt on the justification for the Belgian Defence Ministry's procurement of anti-drone equipment worth a staggering 50 million euros in response to "sudden sightings of unidentified drones". Neither the public prosecution service nor the intelligence agencies of other European countries ever published any information that might somehow point to Russian involvement. On the other hand, it turned out that many of the "counter-drone" systems so urgently purchased were priced above their actual

market value and, moreover, were of poor quality. This has led the Belgian public to ask why, in that case, did the authorities in Brussels hype up the myth last autumn that Russia was behind the launching of these drones. Surely it could not be a way of channelling taxpayers' money into the militarization of the country and, at the same time, lining their own pockets?

In 2026, there has been an increase in the number of instances of the airspace of the Baltic States and Finland being violated by Ukrainian UAVs. On 3 May, yet another Ukrainian armed forces drone was detected in Finnish airspace near Virolahti, close to the Russian border. When raising this issue in conversation with Mr. Zelenskyy, Finnish Prime Minister Petteri Orpo stressed that that kind of thing was unacceptable and expressed the hope that the Ukrainians would be more careful in future. On 4 May, Estonian Prime Minister Kristen Michal requested the Kyiv regime to see to it that "debris from the war" did not enter his country's airspace. However, already on 7 May a Ukrainian UAV crashed on the grounds of an oil storage facility in the city of Rēzekne in eastern Latvia. That would cost Latvian Defence Minister Andris Sprūds his cabinet post (he had acknowledged the Ukrainian origin of these UAVs "headed for Russia"), and it would also claim the scalp of the country's Prime Minister, Evika Siliņa. In the early hours of 17 May, a Ukrainian drone entered Latvian airspace, prompting an air threat alert to be issued for the country's five eastern border regions. The wreckage of a drone that had eluded radar detection was discovered on the evening of 18 May in the village of Samanė, in the Utena district in eastern Lithuania. This was confirmed by the Head of the National Crisis Management Centre, Vilmantas Vitkauskas. On 19 May, Estonian Defence Minister Hanno Pevkur stated that Romanian F-16 fighter jets had neutralized an aerial threat posed by a UAV belonging to the Ukrainian armed forces, shooting it down between Lake Võrtsjärv and the town of Põltsamaa. He demanded an apology from the Kyiv regime. On 29 May, the Finnish Ministry of the Interior urged all residents of the Uusimaa region to stay indoors because of a potential UAV threat. According to the newspaper *Helsingin Sanomat*, Ukraine had accidentally directed drones carrying explosives towards Finland, something to which the Kyiv regime itself had alerted the authorities in Helsinki.

Last month, fishermen discovered a Ukrainian MAGURA V5 uncrewed surface vessel near the island of Lefkada in the Ionian Sea. It was fitted with detonators and a large quantity of explosives; its engine was still running. Greek Minister of National Defence Nikos Dendias demanded a "big apology" from Ukraine for the incident.

Why are you not saying anything about this? Why do you not convene extraordinary meetings at the OSCE and the United Nations? Could it be that a certain group of NATO and EU countries are trying to divert the attention of taxpayers back home from the fact that they are, in effect, bankrolling the Kyiv regime's crimes? From the fact that UAVs belonging to the Ukrainian armed forces, including drones containing Western-made components and drones fully manufactured in the West, may well end up in the airspace or territorial waters of European countries? From the fact that UAVs supplied by your governments are killing young Russian women in their sleep? These questions are directed principally at the ringleaders of the "drone coalition" that is sending various types of UAV to the Kyiv regime, among whom we find Latvia and the United Kingdom. Across the European landmass, including France, Italy and Norway, factories producing assorted weapons, including drones, to serve the interests of the Ukrainian armed forces are springing up like mushrooms after a spell of rain. Germany is particularly keen on teaming up with Ukraine for the mass development and production of UAVs boasting a flight range of between 100 and 1,500 km. Meanwhile, last month the European Commission's Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space was accepting applications from organizations wishing to become founding members of the "EU-Ukraine Drone Alliance".

Please share with the authorities in Brussels and with your respective capitals the information on how attacks by Ukrainian combat drones have been the most frequent cause of death or injury among the civilian population in Russia. Last week alone, raids by Ukrainian UAVs claimed 201 civilian casualties,

accounting for 92 per cent of the total number of such casualties. Or do the European champions of international humanitarian law find these statistics discomfiting and boring?

When delivering your next batches of drones to the Kyiv regime, remember that in the early hours of 22 May the Ukrainian armed forces used 16 UAVs to carry out a barbaric, targeted strike on a teacher training college and dormitory in Starobelsk. Eighty-six students between 14 and 19 years of age were living there, along with one member of staff. There were children and teenagers in the building. Twenty-one people tragically lost their lives, most of them young women; a further 44 people were injured. The more than 50 journalists from 19 countries who arrived at the scene of the tragedy, having been invited there by Russia, were able to verify for themselves that what had been reported was accurate. No matter how hard the Kyiv regime tries to justify itself, no matter how hard Western media try to turn a blind eye to what happened, nothing will change the fact that this was an act of terrorism.

The European purveyors of UAVs catering to the Ukrainian armed forces' needs must also be clear about the fact that their blind obeisance to the Ukrainian leadership and rampant Russophobia are putting the populations of the countries of Europe at risk. On 30 and 31 May, a targeted drone attack on major equipment at a nuclear power plant (NPP) was carried out for the first time in world history when the Kyiv regime struck the turbine hall at reactor unit 6 of the Zaporizhzhia NPP, leaving a hole in the metal part of one of its walls. It was only by a miracle that there were no casualties and that critical damage to the plant's infrastructure was avoided. These actions confirm that the Ukrainian armed forces are prepared to take the most reckless steps. Responsibility for what is going on also lies with the overlords of the Kyiv regime, who, together with that regime, are essentially demonstrating a devil-may-care attitude towards human life. The threats deliberately being posed by the Zelenskyy regime, which, in its anti-Russian frenzy, is opening direct fire on a Russian NPP, cannot be ignored. We call for a principled and objective stand to be taken against the Kyiv regime's dangerous actions, which risk leading to catastrophic radioactive contamination of the territory not only of Russia and Ukraine, but also of several European countries.

Distinguished Co-Chairpersons,

In closing, allow me to share the following conclusions prompted by this deliberate escalation impinging on politico-military security in Europe.

The West's whipping up of anti-Russian hysteria is increasingly taking the form of a systematic campaign to convince the European public that a direct military conflict with Russia is inevitable. Any actions taken by our country are wilfully interpreted by those in the West as a deliberate stoking of tensions, while the gruesome crimes committed against the civilian population of our country by the neo-Banderite Zelenskyy regime are left out of the picture. The true essence of their strategy is to further consolidate public demand for militarization. All attempts to resolve problems through diplomacy and peaceful efforts are thwarted by them at any cost, even at the risk of triggering a nuclear disaster.

We call upon the international community (whose membership is far broader than that of the OSCE), on the one hand to condemn the irresponsible behaviour of the Kyiv regime and its Western backers, and on the other to demand in no uncertain terms that they comply with the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of international law.

Thank you for your attention.