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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 am taking the floor in exercise of my right of reply.

I believe I am not disclosing any great secret when I say that the meetings of our decision-making body have long since turned into a vehicle for ever more and ever new fabrications by our European colleagues with regard to Russia and our allies. The Kyiv regime's Western sponsors long ago consigned to oblivion the notion of dialogue, which implies a striving to listen to and understand one's interlocutor. Just as they have also forgotten what the truth and facts are – these are nothing but a hindrance to the West nowadays. A striking demonstration of this trend was provided today by my Belarusian colleague. He once again asked a number of specific questions in connection with the baseless accusations that had been levelled – questions which, of course, will go unanswered as usual.

One gets the feeling that the Kyiv regime's sponsors value our meetings as some sort of means of self-hypnosis. Apparently, by going round the circle and having everyone chant collective mantras about "Russian aggression" and the perceived infallibility of Ukraine – along with its alleged right to commit all sorts of crimes under the pretext of "self-defence" – Ukraine's European sponsors manage to soar away from reality and linger for a while in a world of fantasies and illusions.

Lately, the customary repertoire of anti-Russian rallying cries has come to be supplemented by pipe dreams about how Ukraine is winning while everything in Russia is falling apart. The material you are thus furnishing would be more than sufficient to fill a dissertation by a student of psychiatry specializing in collective delusions. However, we are, after all, diplomats and it is becoming increasingly distasteful to observe the galloping and profound decline of European diplomacy.

For if you were to emerge, even for a moment, from your cocoon of wishful thinking, you would be chilled by the realization of who it is you are covering for and what kinds of crimes you share responsibility for. The cold-blooded massacre of teenagers orchestrated by the Zelenskyy regime in the early hours of 22 May in Starobelsk in the Lugansk People's Republic ought in itself to be enough to understand the level

of moral degradation reached by those who are currently propping up that terrorist and neo-Nazi regime in Kyiv.

Incidentally, the authorities in many European capitals are still contriving, with utter cynicism, to maintain the line that there is “insufficient information” about this tragedy to be able to draw any conclusions. Judging by news reports from New York, Melnyk, Ukraine’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations – the same individual who once referred to the German leadership as acting like a “sulky liver sausage” and justified the Banderites’ crimes on live television – continues to deny with a straight face that a college was ever attacked.

That the terrorist attack in Starobelsk is an uncomfortable truth which our Western colleagues choose to ignore was confirmed when leading Western journalists, citing spurious pretexts, refused to travel to the scene of the tragedy. I suspect that the line of conduct adopted by the Kyiv regime’s sponsors will not be altered even by the visit paid to the site of the attack by a delegation from the International Committee of the Red Cross, which was able to see for itself the scale and brutality of this massacre. According to their “world view”, Ukraine commits no crimes, and all the civilians killed by its forces – whether adults or children – are automatically designated as “legitimate targets”.

Realizing this and sensing their complete impunity, Zelenskyy and his clique are stepping up the pace of terrorist attacks against civilian objects. On 31 May, a strike was conducted on a residential building in Genichesk, killing a five-year-old child. In the early hours of 3 June, the Ukronazis carried out a targeted strike against a regular passenger bus; as of yesterday evening, eight Russian civilians had lost their lives as a result of that act of terrorism. Private vehicles are also frequently targeted – on 3 June, a drone struck a car in the Zaporozhye region, killing the driver and a passenger.

All these victims are on your conscience, ladies and gentlemen. By remaining silent, you are condoning these inhuman attacks. Yesterday, in this room, my colleague identified those involved in the strikes on the Starobelsk college and Genichesk. All of them, along with their accomplices, wherever they may be, will face inevitable retribution.

Beyond the aforementioned terrorist attacks, Ukrainian formations fired at least 3,750 munitions at civilian objects on Russian territory between 25 and 31 May. There were 217 civilian casualties, with more than 180 people injured and 35 killed. Among the injured are eight minors; among the dead, three children.

On the whole, that week has served as a grisly prelude to the International Day for the Protection of Children. A family with two children burned to death in their car in Gorlovka following a drone strike. A teenage boy, aged 15, sustained critical injuries in the same city. A seven-year-old boy and a 17-year-old girl were injured in the Starobeshevo district.

The Kyiv regime’s “fighters” are deliberately escalating their drone warfare against civilian infrastructure. They are engaged in remote mining of the Novorossiia federal highway, blocking vital supplies to the civilian population. They are intentionally hunting medics and rescue workers: three ambulance personnel were injured in Gorlovka during an attack on a vehicle marked with a Red Cross, and nine emergency workers were injured in the Donetsk People’s Republic. Two Emergencies Ministry personnel were killed in drone strikes carried out by the Ukrainian armed forces in the Smolensk region.

The Kyiv regime’s Western sponsors are also ignoring the fact that it has openly taken up nuclear terrorism. A few days ago, a kamikaze drone struck the turbine hall of reactor unit 6 at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. The impact occurred a mere ten metres from the reactor compartment. A second strike targeted the plant’s transport depot, destroying six buses and two utility vehicles. The drone was guided via

a fibre-optic cable, which rules out any deviation from its course due to electronic warfare measures. There is no doubt that this was yet another targeted attack on nuclear power plant equipment. Was there any reaction from the OSCE to the fact that a Western-sponsored regime is playing with fire, which risks plunging the entire continent into a nuclear disaster? Of course not. Those who have subverted this Organization have more pressing matters to attend to, as the OSCE has long ceased to deal with issues of security and co-operation in anything other than name only.

The younger generation of Europeans barely remembers the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster that occurred 40 years ago. It appears you wish to refresh their memory by allowing Zelenskyy to trigger a far more massive cataclysm, one that would condemn millions to years of suffering. And when you start looking for those responsible, take a good look in the mirror, because you will be just as much to blame as those who formally pressed the button.

Thank you for your attention.