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

Mr. Chairperson,

The preparations in Europe for war with Russia have long been a *fait accompli*. They are being undertaken systematically and methodically. If the idea of an inevitable conflict with us once sounded absurd to the European public, today the elites of a number of European countries are, in effect, vying with one another to see who can come up with the most outlandish lie about Russia and devise the most sophisticated provocation to test our country's resolve to take action in response. Diplomacy has long been forgotten, having been reduced to propaganda and the churning out of anti-Russian fabrications. Naturally, such a stance precludes any dialogue; it serves at most for the issuing of demands and ultimatums.

Under these circumstances, it is hardly surprising that the European Union and NATO are blocking any realistic peace initiatives. Instead of facilitating de-escalation, the authorities in Brussels and other Western capitals continue to ply the Kyiv regime with weapons and to build up their military presence near Russia's borders. As a result, Russia and Europe are teetering ever more precariously on the brink of a military clash, while Ukraine is being robbed of its last, ever so faint hopes of regeneration and survival as a nation. Bearing in mind the losses which it is suffering on the battlefield, and given also the number of Ukrainians who have left the country, there is now virtually no way that Ukraine's future can be secured without a large-scale influx of foreign migrants to replace the working-age population.

Some in this room will no doubt try to dismiss our words as the proverbial "Russian propaganda", to which all unpalatable facts are traditionally ascribed in the West. However, the problem is that these are not our conclusions, but those of the Ukrainians themselves, who have long been sounding the alarm regarding their country's fate. It is simply that nobody wants to listen to them, and they were deprived of their voice the moment Zelenskyy robbed them of an election two years ago. You can see this for yourselves by reading Ukrainian social media posts and expert analyses published there.

It is noteworthy that, among the factors cited by Ukrainians living abroad as reasons for their reluctance to go back, the most frequent are not the hostilities themselves but, rather, rampant corruption, a lack of prospects in their homeland, and flagrant violations of rights and freedoms. In short, everything that

the West persistently refuses to notice in the actions of those it nurtured and brought to power, dismissing the truth about what is going on in Ukraine as mere “Russian propaganda”.

At the previous meeting, we tried to draw our Western colleagues’ attention to what their and Ukraine’s “shared values” actually consist in. Let me remind you that, on 25 May, Zelenskyy personally took part in the ceremony for the reburial of Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) leader Andrii Melnyk, whose involvement in mass killings during the Second World War – in particular, of Jews and Poles – has been irrefutably proven. As if to confirm that this was not a one-off gesture, the head of the Kyiv junta bestowed the name “Heroes of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA)” on a Ukrainian armed forces unit on 27 May.

This proved too much even for the Poles, who, despite all the European elites’ best efforts, still cannot bring themselves to forget the atrocities committed by the UPA against their compatriots. Thus, former Polish ambassador to Ukraine Bartosz Cichocki publicly returned the Ukrainian decoration (namely the Order of Merit) that Zelenskyy had presented him with in 2022. Furthermore, President Karol Nawrocki has initiated the process for stripping Zelenskyy of the Order of the White Eagle, Poland’s highest State honour.

However, we have no doubt that this upsurge in emotions will be quickly suppressed by the Polish elites, who will argue, as they have on previous similar occasions, that any rift between Ukraine and Poland plays into Russia’s hands. In doing so, they will once again demonstrate that conceding the validity of our accusations against the authorities in Kyiv with regard to their glorification of Nazi criminals is a far worse scenario for Poland than maintaining a principled position against the exaltation of those responsible for the brutal massacres of the Polish population in Volhynia – atrocities so savage that they horrified even the German fascist death squads.

Meanwhile, the Nazification of Ukraine, occurring against a backdrop of complete indifference to this issue on the part of Ukraine’s Western sponsors, is not only continuing unabated but is also taking on new forms. Thus, we recently learned that a new unmanned systems battalion called “Roland” has sprung up in the Ukrainian armed forces. This is not a purely neutral, inoffensive name. Exactly the same name was borne by a battalion that Hitler’s military-intelligence service formed from the ranks of Ukrainian Nazis in 1941. That battalion participated in the invasion of the USSR and later “distinguished” itself in punitive operations against the civilian population of Belarus. Do you consider all this to be on a par with boyish high jinks and, therefore, not subject to condemnation?

Well, if that is the case, you could surely show solidarity with Ukraine and, at the same time, laud the memory of, say, Marshal Philippe Pétain or Pierre Laval or Jacques Doriot in France? Or pay tribute to Vidkun Quisling in Norway, or Anton Mussert in the Netherlands, or John Amery or William Joyce in England, or Léon Degrelle in Belgium? I suspect that most young people in your countries would not even remember who these figures were, but if they did an online search for the names in question, they would discover the true facts about these collaborationists and criminals. And rightly so! Why, then, do you lack the courage and integrity to demand that Ukraine stop rewriting and falsifying history and, once and for all, start calling things by their proper names?

The answer is obvious to us. You understand perfectly well that without such a step, it will be impossible to achieve long-term and sustainable peace between Ukraine and Russia – a country where the condemnation of Nazism is part of its citizens’ DNA. And that suits you just fine. Otherwise, you would not have spent so many years working to destroy the foundations of our good-neighbourly relations and fostering hatred and Russophobia. That is also why the European Union and NATO are currently doing their

utmost to prevent any agreement from being reached between Russia and Ukraine that would address the root causes of the Ukrainian crisis.

To keep the regime you nurture afloat, you are now forced to become more deeply and openly involved in its direct military support. Weapons, intelligence, satellite communications, your instructors and mercenaries on the ground are no longer sufficient – the front-line situation is inexorably becoming ever more unfavourable for the Zelenskyy regime. Consequently, NATO countries have now started opening up their airspace for the transit of Ukrainian drones. Whenever these crash and cause damage, an uproar is created and Russia is blamed for everything.

This is exactly what happened a few days ago, when our country was accused of carrying out a deliberate drone strike against Romanian territory, without a shred of objective evidence being provided. Russia has received from Romania neither the wreckage of the device that crashed nor even relevant technical data that has been verified. Instead of launching a transparent investigation and paving the way for professional co-operation, the Romanian authorities immediately began executing the political orders of their “senior partners” and set about whipping up anti-Russian hysteria.

Duplicity and lack of any desire to get to the bottom of the matter are revealed by the inconsistencies in the statements coming from officials in Bucharest. At first, the Romanian authorities insisted that this was a targeted attack; then the Romanian President himself stated that the drone might have changed trajectory owing to Ukrainian air defence operations. In the Romanian blogosphere, on the other hand, the prevailing theory is that it was a Ukrainian drone that went off course, especially as similar incidents have been recorded on numerous occasions in the past. We will most likely never learn the truth, for that is of no use to the Romanian authorities – they are merely looking for a pretext to attack Russia.

Meanwhile, despite our warnings about the inevitability of a stern response, a new episode occurred yesterday that risks leading to a direct military confrontation between Russia and NATO. On 3 June, St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region were subjected to a massive attack by Ukrainian drones. The Kyiv regime’s formations struck infrastructure facilities in Kronstadt and in the Kirovsky and Krasnoselsky districts. Civilians were injured in the attack. The head of the Kyiv junta himself made no secret of the fact that he was determined to disrupt the opening of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum. Furthermore, reports appeared in Ukrainian media suggesting that the drones had been launched from neighbouring territory, namely from the Baltic States, and from NATO ships in the Baltic Sea. This is supported by numerous videos on social media showing the drones approaching St. Petersburg at an extremely low altitude and flying in from the direction of the Baltic. Of course, this version requires thorough verification, but if confirmed, it would mark yet another significant step towards escalation by members of the North Atlantic Alliance.

Our country will, naturally, not tolerate such a state of affairs. The command of the Russian armed forces has already announced that, as a retaliatory measure, it is setting about the massive and systematic destruction of targets on the territory of Ukraine that are linked to that country’s military capabilities. Whether facilities on the territory of NATO member States will be among these targets depends solely on you. We hope that the very real prospect of the Ukrainian conflict expanding to encompass the sponsors of the Kyiv regime – which is already pretty much working in harness with them to fight Russia – will nevertheless dampen the ardour of the hotheads in NATO.

Thank you for your attention.