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**STATEMENT IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY BY  
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**On Ukraine**

Mr. Chairperson,

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

We have already noticed on more than one occasion how our Western opponents and their protégés in Kyiv stubbornly keep trying to convince one another that the front-line situation is now supposedly turning in Ukraine's favour. All this seems most bizarre given that the Russian army continues to advance confidently along the entire line of engagement, gaining ground at an average rate of around 30 square kilometres per day. Ukraine is on the point of losing the city of Konstantinovka, which is a crucial link in the Slavyansk-Kramatorsk fortified area. The territory of the Lugansk People's Republic (LPR) has been fully liberated; control has been established over more than 85 per cent of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) and 80 per cent of the Zaporozhye region.

Under such circumstances, the Ukrainian leadership is attempting, in the information space, to reverse a trend that is so inauspicious for Zelenskyy, and it is intensifying its deliberate terrorist strikes against civilian objects. The Western sponsors supplying Zelenskyy with weapons and intelligence are trying to ignore these crimes, for they are, after all, his direct accomplices.

Over the past week, the Kyiv regime reached a new record high as regards the escalation of attacks on the civilian population. Premeditated actions by the Ukrainian armed forces claimed more than 230 civilian casualties, of whom 43 people lost their lives. This is the highest weekly figure since the beginning of 2026. In total, at least 4,740 munitions of various classes were fired at civilian objects on Russian territory over the past seven days.

Civilian traffic and specialized vehicles belonging to public utilities and energy service providers were exposed to constant, targeted strikes by Ukrainian drones. Rescue units that arrived to deal with the aftermath of the Ukrainian armed forces' artillery, missile and drone attacks were themselves attacked.

The highest numbers of civilian casualties were recorded in the Belgorod region, the DPR and the Zaporozhye, Kherson and Bryansk regions.

In the Belgorod region, which was attacked by up to 200 drones daily, the Ukrainian death squads' strikes claimed more than 50 civilian casualties, of whom six people died.

Eight civilians were killed and a further 12, including a child, were injured when a Ukrainian armed formations' drone struck a public bus in Yenakievo (DPR).

One civilian was killed and four were injured following a strike on the settlement of Suzemka in the Bryansk region that was conducted using a multiple rocket launcher.

Six civilians were injured in an attack by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) on Melitopol in the Zaporozhye region.

Two rescue workers from the Emergencies Ministry were killed and two others were injured as the result of a UAV attack in the Smolensk region.

A member of a work team from the electrical grid operator was attacked and killed by a drone in Pochep in the Bryansk region.

A 68-year-old pensioner was killed by a direct artillery hit on a house in the village of Leshchinovka in the Kursk region.

A civilian was killed when a cluster submunition detonated in Gorlovka (DPR).

A woman and her two children were injured in a UAV attack on the village of Chubkovichi in the Bryansk region.

A 12-year-old girl was injured in a drone attack on the village of Oktyabrsky in the Belgorod region.

Three members of staff at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant (NPP) were attacked and injured by drones in the Zaporozhye region.

Three civilian women were injured when a drone struck a public bus in Kremennaya (LPR).

An 11-year-old boy sustained shrapnel injuries as the result of a drone strike on a residential building in the village of Bochkovka in the Belgorod region.

A 15-year-old boy was injured in a UAV attack on the village of Bekhtery in the Kherson region.

The head of the Kyiv junta is particularly piqued by the prosperity of the people of Crimea, who made their choice in favour of Russia in 2014. Thus, in the early hours of 8 June, a Ukrainian drone attacked a passenger train travelling on the Moscow-Simferopol route within the territory of the Republic of Crimea. The train driver's assistant was killed as a result of this act of terrorism.

This was yet another deliberate strike against civilian infrastructure and civilians. It took place not somewhere along the line of engagement, but deep in the rear, in an area where there are and can be no military targets. It was an attack on a train carrying ordinary people heading off on their summer holiday. Zelensky is beside himself with rage at the fact that, since 2014, up to 7 million people – including Ukrainians – have been holidaying in Crimea on a regular basis, while the region itself has made a quantum leap over the past 12 years in terms of infrastructure development and improved quality of life. A further

suburban train, in this case one travelling to Kerch, was also attacked by a Ukrainian UAV on the peninsula this week. One civilian was killed and three were injured.

Another attempt to intimidate the people of Crimea occurred this week when the panorama museum dedicated to *The Defence of Sevastopol* was targeted in a deliberate act of terrorism, resulting in severe damage to Franz Roubaud's world-famous historical painting. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has expressed grave concern over the matter. There is no doubt that this was a deliberate, calculated direct strike against a world-class cultural site using an incendiary drone.

Nor is there any doubt about the deliberate actions of the Kyiv regime aimed at posing a direct threat to the Zaporizhzhia NPP, the largest such plant in Europe. Such recklessness, as we have already emphasized, risks leading to catastrophic radiological consequences for the whole of Europe. But that does not deter the head of the Kyiv junta.

Thus, on 4 June, the Ukrainian armed forces directed at least 20 drones towards the Zaporizhzhia NPP. Their target was the nearby thermal power plant, which houses energy infrastructure facilities that sustain the operation of the single power transmission line supplying the Zaporizhzhia NPP. This is nothing less than a deliberate act of nuclear terrorism.

On 5 June, merely a few hours after the introduction of a "localized ceasefire" brokered by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Ukrainian armed forces struck a site where repair work was being carried out on a power line at the Zaporizhzhia NPP. As a result, the Zaporizhzhia NPP was left without electricity altogether. The reactor units switched to backup diesel generators.

On 6 June, a Ukrainian drone once again attacked a technical facility on the premises of the Zaporizhzhia NPP; there were casualties. In other words, the plant was subjected to deliberate Ukrainian attacks for three consecutive days. Not to mention the continued strikes against residential buildings and civilian objects in Enerгодar, the satellite city of the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

The absence of any reaction to the Kyiv regime's increasingly deadly and dangerous crimes leaves no doubt that the Ukrainian authorities are carrying out all their terrorist activities with the knowledge and support of Western countries, or at the very least taking advantage of the climate of impunity that has come to surround their actions. According to your "world view", Ukraine commits no crimes, and all the Russian civilians it has killed – whether adults or children – are regarded as "legitimate targets". We are thus essentially witnessing the coalescence of the Kyiv regime and its sponsors into a terrorist alliance that directly threatens the security of our country and our citizens.

It goes without saying that the Russian Federation's investigative bodies and law enforcement agencies are responding appropriately to these threats and are documenting the names of all those involved in these crimes, from the instigators and those issuing orders all the way down to the direct perpetrators, wherever they may be. They will all face just and inescapable punishment.

The best immediate response to these actions, though, is the cohesion of our society, which is becoming increasingly aware of the true colours of our European neighbours, along with the determination of the Russian armed forces to see the special military operation through to the end and fulfil all the objectives set for the operation. So, ladies and gentlemen, by indulging Zelenskyy and his criminal doings, you are merely hastening the inevitable inglorious downfall of the regime led by him.

Thank you for your attention.