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Madam Chairperson,

Western delegations continue to urge that, in the present circumstances, the Forum for Security Co-operation should realize its potential as a platform for mutually respectful dialogue and the search for solutions to the most pressing politico-military security issues. Such as the current crisis regarding Ukraine, for example.

However, we are not seeing anything here other than State-sponsored propaganda on the part of the Kyiv regime and its Western handlers. Nor do we see among the delegations in attendance any desire whatsoever to listen to the other side. The representatives of NATO and EU States who call for “constructive dialogue” are persistently guided by the militaristic course of the authorities in their capitals.

Surely there is no other way of explaining the threats against our country that are increasingly to be heard from European military leaders than to ascribe these to “war psychosis” and to Western Europe’s preparation for a military confrontation with Russia? This was eloquently stated on 28 October by Belgium’s “Defence” Minister, Theo Francken, in a scandalous interview with the newspaper *De Morgen*, where he threatened to “wipe Moscow off the map”. Tellingly, he tried afterwards to present the matter as if he had been misunderstood. One would be hard put, though, to “misunderstand” the desire that he expressed to send “hundreds of thousands of European soldiers” in order to “bring the Russians to their knees”. The same goes for his remarks to the effect that it is by no means Ukraine that is at war with our country, but “the entire West”, since “they [the Ukrainians] would have been overwhelmed long ago”, if they had been fighting on their own.

The series of NATO measures directed against the Russian Federation also includes an almost 4,500 page-long document about the “Eastern Flank Deterrence Line” concept that was presented yesterday. Moreover, the commander of NATO’s land forces, General Christopher Donahue, made it clear that the military bloc was already in “Phase Zero” of preparations for a military conflict.

Practical measures for the rehearsal of NATO's provocative plans are already being implemented to the full next to our borders. Large-scale exercises involving 15,000 military personnel, including British, Swedish and Polish troops, are scheduled to take place in Finland in November. In addition, before these exercises have even started, there has been an increase in the frequency of reconnaissance flights conducted by North Atlantic Alliance aircraft in that country's airspace. It is not difficult to guess that the Finns together with the British will be rehearsing offensive operations. At our last meeting, the British, we may recall, had called for "avoid[ing] actions that could lead to catastrophic miscalculation". However, this is not stopping them in the least from "flexing their muscles" on Russia's borders.

NATO and the European Union have essentially painted themselves into a corner: all that they have to offer the European region is war. For it is in Brussels that irresponsible calls are being issued for further escalation and where the time frame for such escalation is already being set. It is the foreign policy of Brussels that constitutes a direct obstacle to the establishment of peace in the European region, and as long as Western European countries do not stop hiding behind the collective irresponsibility of NATO and EU officials, the situation will not change fundamentally.

It is precisely in this light that we regard the "plans for ending the war in Ukraine" disguised as Western peace initiatives. The measures being proposed constitute an ultimatum directed at Russia. They, in effect, revolve around "freezing" the line of contact and putting forward conditions that are unacceptable for our country, including conditions related to such issues as "reparations" and control over territories whose inhabitants have already exercised their legitimate right to self-determination in accordance with the norms of international law. The main goal of the originators of this disingenuous "plan" is to secure a breathing space for the Ukrainian armed forces, but by no means to eliminate the root causes of the conflict and achieve a genuinely sustainable and just peace. Let me put it bluntly: our opponents are not in a position to issue ultimatums to Russia. Such an approach is merely entrenching existing differences and undermining security in Europe.

As is, by the way, the continued plying of the Kyiv regime with military goods. Moreover, we are by now dealing with the creation of an entire system for the supply of lethal weapons to kill civilians, which is in flagrant violation of, *inter alia*, the CSCE Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers (1993), the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (2000), the EU Common Position (2008) and the Arms Trade Treaty (2013). Does this not demonstrate the Ukrainian-Western coalition's true intentions?

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Western-controlled international media outlets are openly asserting that the funding of Ukraine is a "historic opportunity to shift the balance of power between Europe and Russia". There are reports about secret deliveries of British-made Storm Shadow missiles. I would remind you that such missiles were used to carry out strikes on the city of Krasnodon in the Lugansk People's Republic in July and on the city of Donetsk in September – missiles that claimed the lives of civilians. The signals coming out of Washington are also ambiguous. The Pentagon has reportedly given the green light for a potential transfer of Tomahawk missiles. And although President Donald Trump seems to have ruled out such a possibility, even the aforementioned tentative step in that direction is in itself dangerous, since it is emboldening the European military elites, obsessed as they are with the idea of confrontation with Russia.

We should also like to remind you that Russia does not intend, nor has it intended, to attack NATO or EU countries. We repeatedly stated our readiness to work together with the United States of America and NATO to lay down mutual security guarantees. However, these proposals were rejected. So allow me to ask: who is it actually that does not want peace? Those who propose concluding treaties or those who are preparing for war and setting up an arms trade network in Europe? We are open to dialogue, but we will not

close our eyes to actions that directly threaten our security. Responsibility for further escalation will lie squarely with those who continue to play with fire.

Madam Chairperson,

The Western-sponsored Kyiv regime continues its terrorist actions against Russia's civilian population and civilian infrastructure. If the EU and NATO countries really are striving for peace, then today they must condemn the latest series of the Kyiv regime's war crimes against our civilians.

There were 70 civilian casualties over the past week, of whom 63 people were injured, including four children, and seven people were killed.

The Ukrainian armed forces deliberately selected residential neighbourhoods, places of worship and ordinary passenger buses as targets for their strikes. Unmanned combat aerial vehicles were the main killing tool, causing the overwhelming majority of casualties among completely innocent civilians. Particularly hard hit were the residents of the Belgorod, Bryansk and Kherson regions.

Allow me to enumerate just a few of these victims, every one of whom had a name and a life. An 85-year-old woman was killed inside her own house in the village of Rubanovka by an artillery shell. A kamikaze drone killed an 80-year-old man in the city of Alyoshki. Meanwhile, in Dneprorudnoye an unmanned aerial vehicle attacked a petrol filling station, causing a woman and a five-year-old child to suffer burns.

All in all, more than 3,316 munitions were fired at our cities, towns and villages by multiple-launch rocket systems and artillery of 152 mm and 155 mm calibre, including munitions with cluster warheads. Moreover, a significant proportion of the armaments that the Ukrainian armed forces are using to kill Russian civilians were manufactured and supplied to the Kyiv regime by its Western handlers. These countries are direct accomplices in the Kyiv regime's crimes.

At the same time, the Ukrainian armed forces continue with their barbaric practice of remotely mining densely populated areas. Over the past few days alone, five people in the Donetsk People's Republic were caught up in the blast of an exploding Lepestok anti-personnel mine, including a teenager and a rescue worker who had come to his aid. There were also fresh casualties in the Lugansk People's Republic and the Kherson region. These are not "blunders" by the Ukrainian armed forces, but a deliberate tactic.

And a tactic that is becoming increasingly refined. We encountered some truly monstrous phenomena in the Kursk region: the Kyiv regime's "fighters" had used improvised explosive devices printed off a 3D printer that were disguised to look like moss, grass and household items, such as a tea kettle or a wad of banknotes. Just think of it: a small plastic box and inside is a C-4 explosive charge and an initiating mechanism, while a self-tapping screw is fixed on to the lid. One step, a simple press of the foot and a person is left without a leg.

That is not all, though. Before retreating from the Sudzha district, these "fighters" left thousands of booby traps in people's houses. They concealed them in household appliances, gardening tools, electric chargers and children's toys. These devices would be set off as soon as someone tried to use an item for its intended purpose. You open a book – and an explosion goes off. You pick up a chocolate bar – and an explosion goes off. You switch a lamp on – and an explosion goes off.

Books packed with plastic explosive were discovered in the library of the village of Kauchuk. A log containing blocks of trinitrotoluene (TNT) was found in one house – it was to have been thrown into the

stove. Such a charge would have been sufficient to destroy the entire house together with the people inside. And what do you make of the “upgraded” TM-62 anti-tank mine displayed on the screens? Bolts and self-tapping screws had been screwed into it, essentially transforming it into an anti-personnel mine.

Ask yourselves: what military necessity can possibly justify the mining of children’s toys? What strategic objectives are being pursued by those who leave behind “presents” in the form of mined books? There can only be one answer: terror. The task is to make life as such impossible in the liberated territories of Russia, to intimidate the civilian population. There is no question here at all of compliance with the Inhumane Weapons Convention.

Madam Chairperson,

This terrorist regime is inflicting suffering both on Russians and on the citizens of Ukraine, whom the Kyiv junta is mercilessly throwing into the meat grinder of war.

While Western delegations here indulge in flights of fancy about Russian “disinformation”, over in Kyiv they are openly threatening foreign journalists who might dare to reveal the truth about what is going on in the area of combat operations. In response to the order issued by the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armed forces that foreign journalists be granted unhindered passage so that they can visit the areas where Ukrainian troops are encircled in Krasnoarmeysk, Dimitrov and Kupyansk, the official spokesperson of the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Heorhii Tykhyi, openly stated that visits to those areas would be considered “a violation of our [Ukrainian] legislation”. The authorities in Kyiv are thus, in effect, officially acknowledging the catastrophic situation on the battlefield for the remnants of the Ukrainian armed forces’ units.

This is also being done so that the international community cannot see how the Ukrainian “fighters” are driving civilian residents of Krasnoarmeysk out of basements in order to take over their shelter spaces. Left behind in the city’s partly destroyed houses are elderly people who are afraid to go out and are waiting expectantly for our liberating troops. We have managed to evacuate some civilians – Russian military personnel were in control of access routes and helped people to leave the inferno created by the Kyiv regime.

However, this is just one side of the Kyiv regime’s crimes. The other side is what the Ukrainian security forces are getting up to on the home front. Over the past month alone, around 100,000 young men have fled from Ukraine. And now the Kyiv regime, in desperate need of cannon fodder, has literally declared open season on its own population. This is already provoking civil resistance. Take a look at some instances from October. In Odessa, a minibus belonging to a territorial manning centre was overturned by a group of men in order to save someone who had been mobilized. In Kyiv, some women who were trying to protect a lad were beaten up and arrested. In Ternopil, gas was sprayed at women. In Dnepropetrovsk, the military is swooping down on civilians for filming videos. And this is just a small sample of the reports about what is going on.

The Ukrainian authorities cynically claim, though, that all videos showing forced mobilization are “fakes created using artificial intelligence”. What kind of regime wages war against its own people who do not wish to disappear into the maw of war? Who is the real aggressor here? The one who protects civilians, or the one who gasses women and hunts down men as if they were wild animals?

Madam Chairperson,

In this context, fulfilling its duty to protect civilians and safeguard our country's security, Russia continues to methodically implement the objectives of the special military operation.

Our armed forces are successfully continuing offensive operations along various axes. Over the past week, important military facilities belonging to the enemy were hit, including a military airfield and rolling stock transporting equipment for the Ukrainian armed forces. The following population centres were liberated: Novoaleksandrovka, Vishnevoye and Egorovka in the Donetsk People's Republic; Krasnogorskoye, Novonikolayevka and Privolnoye in the Zaporozhye region; and Sadovoye in the Kharkov region. We are in control of more than 70 per cent of the city of Volchansk and the greater part of Krasnoarmeysk.

As for the retaliatory measures in response to the Kyiv regime's continued terrorist attacks against civilian objects on Russia's territory, we must emphasize that these are exclusively measures that have been forced upon us. Our country's armed forces used long-range precision weapons, including Kinzhal hypersonic systems, to conduct targeted strikes against Ukrainian military-industrial enterprises and fuel and energy facilities sustaining the operations of the enemy's war machine. All the designated targets were hit; the objectives of the strikes were achieved. Going forward, the Russian army will continue to systematically disrupt the Ukrainian armed forces' logistics.

The Russian Federation has no use for temporary agreements on matters of national security with parties that have demonstrated their intractability – what we need is a robust and long-lasting solution to the underlying causes of this conflict. Our country is willing to engage in diplomatic efforts to achieve a sustainable settlement. However, such a settlement must eliminate the root causes of the Ukrainian crisis and fully take into account Russia's legitimate security interests. Ultimatums directed at Russia and attempts to exert pressure by force merely make peace a more distant prospect.

Thank you for your attention.