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Mr. Chairperson,

Lacking any real prospects on the battlefield, Volodymyr Zelenskyy's criminal regime continues to mislead its Western backers. While the armed forces of the Russian Federation are steadily advancing and taking one population centre after another, the Kyiv regime is attempting to flaunt the imaginary successes of the Ukrainian armed forces' formations and uses the bland expression "grey-zone shifts" to refer to the liberation of Russian territories by our troops.

As the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, emphasized during his visit to an auxiliary command post of the Joint Group of Forces on 3 July this year, "the Russian armed forces continue to firmly hold the strategic initiative in the zone of the special military operation." Since the start of this year alone, Russian troops have liberated 133 population centres and more than 3,000 square kilometres in Donbass and Novorossiia. The month of June saw 29 population centres and 636 square kilometres of territory come under Russian control – 14 population centres in the past week alone. Work is going as planned on the creation of a security belt in border areas of the Dnepropetrovsk, Sumy and Kharkov regions, from which the neo-Banderites have been firing on Russian territory.

As a result of vigorous combat operations by Battlegroup South units along the Kramatorsk-Druzhkovka route, Russian forces captured Konstantinovka on 3 July this year – a stronghold where the enemy had established a deep, echeloned system of fortifications. Together with Slavyansk, Kramatorsk and Druzhkovka, the city of Konstantinovka formed part of the Ukrainian armed forces' main line of defence in Donbass. In the course of the operation to liberate Konstantinovka, losses were inflicted on the Kyiv regime amounting to some 13,500 Ukrainian troops, 14 tanks, 283 combat vehicles, 1,400 motor vehicles, 200 pieces of field artillery and eight multiple rocket launchers. To cite President Putin, this victory by the armed forces of the Russian Federation is "a key step towards the liberation of the entire territory of the Donetsk People's Republic".

The day after the capture of Konstantinovka, the Russian Defence Ministry announced its readiness to “conduct a humanitarian operation to hand over the bodies of fallen Ukrainian military personnel” and proposed that the Ukrainian side “cease shelling the city between 12:00 and 18:00 Moscow time on 6 July 2026”. It is worth noting that the newsrooms of more than 20 media outlets from various countries expressed their wish to send correspondents there to witness the handover of the bodies.

However, while the matter was being worked out through intelligence channels, the Ukrainian side rejected our proposal. The Kyiv regime has once again demonstrated that it could not care less about its fallen military personnel, who are merely cannon fodder in its eyes, to be topped up through forced mobilization.

Mr. Chairperson,

While the OSCE and its Western participating States continue to maintain a sepulchral silence on the manifestations of Ukrainian terrorism, the second quarter of this year saw a sharp escalation and increase in the number of crimes perpetrated by the Kyiv regime. We call upon the OSCE Secretary General, the Swiss Chairmanship-in-Office of the Organization and the Georgian Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation to condemn the Ukrainian armed forces’ deliberate attacks on civilians and purely civilian targets within our country. We appeal to our colleagues in this room – surely you must know that this surge in armed violence can be attributed to Ukraine having signed direct contracts with Western military-industrial enterprises, and also to the NATO and EU shipments of weapons and ammunition, which are being carried out in violation of existing OSCE politico-military commitments and international rules on responsible export control.

Just let these figures sink in. According to data from Ambassador-at-Large Rodion Miroshnik at the Russian Foreign Ministry, between April and June this year there was a clear upward trend in the artillery, missile and drone attacks on peaceful towns and cities in Russia. The number of incoming strikes has effectively doubled, increasing from 450–480 per day to 730–750 per day, with more than 55,000 munitions fired at civilian objects within our country over the past three months (including munitions delivered by various models of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), artillery shells, projectiles fired by multiple rocket launchers, and mines of various types and designs). Civilian infrastructure facilities in 42 Russian regions came under fire from the Ukrainian “fighters”, including facilities located some distance from the immediate area of combat operations. However, as the President of the Russian Federation emphasized on 3 July this year, “the more strikes the enemy attempts to carry out against our civilian infrastructure, ... the larger the security belt we will have to carve out in adjacent areas.” As the saying goes, “you get what you deserve.”

I should point out that the Kyiv regime has no qualms about employing the tactic of “double-tap” strikes on civilian objects, a tactic much touted by its foreign instructors. On an almost daily basis, the Ukrainian armed forces attack rescue teams, emergency services personnel, utility workers and medical professionals. Furthermore, the enemy is conducting remote mining of civilian infrastructure on a massive scale in order to disrupt and block traffic on roads, to mine footpaths and place mines in areas frequented by civilians. By means of drones it is laying anti-personnel mines of various technical specifications, including mines triggered by metal objects, sound or movement, and also booby traps designed to resemble everyday objects in use in civilian life.

Between April and June this year, the neo-Banderites’ activities claimed at least 3,040 civilian casualties, of whom 422 were killed, which represents an increase of 76 per cent compared with the first quarter of the year. We are talking here about the lives of human beings being shattered and cut short – at an average rate of 29 injured and five killed every day.

We wish to draw particular attention to the fact that the past three months have seen a tragic “record” being set when it comes to the number of casualties among children and adolescents. The overall casualty count for that period includes 204 minors, 21 of whom were forever deprived of the chance to reach adulthood. This is the highest figure in the past two years.

Over the past 12 months, the Western sponsors of Zelenskyy’s criminal regime have ramped up the volume of drone deliveries sixfold or eightfold, which has inevitably led to a tremendous rise in the number of terrorist attacks against civilian objects and civilians. Strikes targeting completely unprotected civilian vehicles, passenger buses and trains have become a regular occurrence. During the same period, the use of long- and short-range combat drones claimed at least 2,760 civilian casualties, of whom 2,389 were injured and 371 killed.

It is telling that this latest intensification in the Ukrainian armed forces’ strikes against Russian facilities has coincided with the NATO summit taking place in Ankara on 7 and 8 July this year. The aim of the Kyiv regime’s orchestrated campaign was to demonstrate to its Western overlords its willingness to “act from a position of strength”, with the bill to be footed by these. However, it was to no avail, for Zelenskyy was publicly put in his place. Whereas the participation of Ukraine’s illegitimate president used to be a centrepiece of such events, it has now been reduced to a purely symbolic role – he has even been denied access to the main speakers’ podium at the Alliance’s summit. The globalist elites have thus once again highlighted their true intention, namely to use the puppet regime in Kyiv as a battering ram with which to work against our country, for which purpose they are plying that regime with weapons and ammunition (rather like the plying of a drug addict with dope), thereby causing the prospects of a settlement to recede further into the distance.

Let us cite a case in point.

On 3 July this year, the Ukrainian “fighters” used combat drones to launch a barrage attack on a market in the city of Tokmak, in the Zaporozhye region, resulting in the deaths of five civilians and injuries to a further 21 people. In an attempt to cover their tracks, the criminals in Kyiv planted a fake news story alleging that the attack had been carried out by a Russian drone. The only trouble is that, through their actions, they have instead incriminated themselves. From the photographs published in the media, one can reliably identify the UAV model used as being the D4, also known as “BATON”. The model’s dual name stems from its origins: it was developed jointly by the US company Shield AI and the Ukrainian company Iron Belly.

Those responsible for such barbaric acts will not go unpunished. Work is already under way to hold them accountable. According to the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, more than 10,600 criminal cases have been opened since the start of the hostilities. Investigations have been concluded and court rulings handed down in 900 criminal cases involving 1,177 Ukrainian and foreign “fighters”.

Mr. Chairperson,

The striving to “inflict defeat on Russia” in a proxy war has been elevated to State policy by NATO and EU countries. Under the guise of financial aid, they continue to embroil the Kyiv regime in their military and economic projects, including for the purpose of testing new weapon types and disposing of obsolete ones. On 25 and 26 June this year, the fifth international conference on the so-called “recovery” of Ukraine took place in Gdańsk; according to Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko, its main outcome was the signing of 160 agreements worth more than 10 billion euros. In addition, at the aforementioned conference the European Commission announced that, together with the European Investment Bank, France, Germany, Italy and Poland, it would be launching the European Flagship Fund for the Reconstruction of

Ukraine, with start-up capital of 220 million euros. It is expected that, down the line, this mechanism will make it possible to leverage up to 7 billion euros of investments in the reconstruction of Ukraine's infrastructure and the development of its productive sectors. However, there is no point in fantasizing about this money actually being used for its intended purpose. It is quite obvious that, as always, a big chunk of it will end up in the pockets of the deeply corrupt members of the apparatus of power based in Kyiv's Bankova Street.

Under the pretext of "noble aims", the "European peacemakers" are themselves prolonging the active phase of the armed conflict and bear direct political and moral responsibility for the Kyiv regime's numerous crimes. In particular, according to the newspaper *Berliner Zeitung*, since 2022 the German authorities have been funding Ukraine's access to Starlink communications, to satellite reconnaissance data from the Finnish company ICEYE and to the satellite network operated by the French company Eutelsat. Co-operation is being pursued in the field of drone development: a German-Ukrainian joint venture is manufacturing Linza drones in Germany; defence companies from both countries are co-developing a UAV with a flight range of 1,500 km; the German firm Diehl Defence and the Ukrainian manufacturer Fire Point are discussing the production of FP-5 Flamingo cruise missiles. The authorities in Berlin are also doing everything they can to support the Kyiv regime in launching strikes deep into Russia. The newspaper points out that, in this way, Germany is, in effect, becoming a party to the conflict. Similar conclusions can be drawn with regard to many other OSCE participating States, which, every week at the Hofburg, hypocritically attempt to lecture others on how to properly implement the commitments undertaken within the framework of this Organization.

Mr. Chairperson,

In view of all the circumstances we have outlined, the demilitarization of the Kyiv regime propped up by the West will be carried on.

Last week and this week, our armed forces have used long-range precision weapons and unmanned combat aerial vehicles to conduct three barrage attacks against enterprises belonging to the military-industrial complex in Kyiv and the Kyiv region, as well as against the infrastructure of five military airfields in the Dnepropetrovsk, Kyiv, Poltava, Cherkasy and Chernihiv regions.

On 2 July, the following targets were hit in Kyiv:

- The limited-liability company (LLC) Radionix, a radio-electronics assembly and parts production plant that is a key research and manufacturing hub turning out control systems for Flamingo ground-based long-range cruise missiles, Fire Point 7 and Fire Point 9 tactical missiles, Neptune-MD guided missiles and surface-to-air guided missiles (under the "Clone" project);
- A radio-electronics assembly plant (Athlon Avia Research and Production Company LLC) that is a key enterprise in Ukraine's military-industrial complex supplying the Ukrainian armed forces with An-196 Liutyi long-range UAVs, Magura UA attack drones, other types of UAVs, and loitering munitions;
- An aircraft assembly plant (Antonov State Enterprise) that is the principal manufacturing hub in Ukraine for the development and production of manned military aircraft, and also for the assembly and modernization of An-196 Liutyi long-range UAVs;
- A missile assembly and parts production factory (Kyiv Radio Plant joint-stock company / TRIMEN-UKRAINE LLC) that is a leading enterprise engaged in the modernization of aiming

systems for all types of tanks and armoured infantry fighting vehicles manufactured in Ukraine, the production of sights and targeting devices for armoured vehicles, and the production of components for virtually all reconnaissance and combat drones;

- The Kyiv-25 industrial plant (belonging to PV Group Ukraine), which manufactures and stores the software and hardware for the Lima electronic warfare system, used to jam navigation signals in the guidance systems of precision weapons;
- The MLP-Chaika transport and logistics centre, used for the storage of long-range UAVs and associated warheads and munitions, as well as of various components for weaponry and equipment coming in from abroad;
- The Kyiv-3 fuel and lubricant depot (Grandterminal LLC), which supplies diesel oil from the Novohrad-Volynskyi pumping station to military units of the Kyiv garrison, including those providing air defence cover for military facilities. Diesel from this depot is also being sent to units of the Ukrainian armed forces in the combat zone;
- Gas distribution stations in Kyiv and the Kyiv region sustaining the operations of enterprises that belong to the Ukrainian military-industrial complex.

On 6 July, the following targets were hit in Kyiv:

- The Kyiv-71 industrial plant (part of the Abris PT consortium), a key enterprise in Ukraine's military-industrial complex specializing in the development and production of long- and medium-range reconnaissance UAVs (including the Strila, Mara, Sirko, Avenger, Elf-K and Flight Arrow models), Shrike 10 first-person view drones, telemetry systems and electronic and optical equipment;
- The Kyiv-1 radio-electronics assembly plant (Kyiv State Plant "Burevisnyk"), which manufactures long- and medium-range UAVs and develops and produces radar equipment for the Ukrainian armed forces;
- The Kyiv-79 industrial plant (UkrArmoTech LLC), a key manufacturer and supplier of armoured vehicles and armour protection systems for Ukrainian military hardware, along with warheads (munitions) for missiles of various types and UAVs;
- The Kyiv Shipyard (private joint-stock company "Kuznia na Rybalskomu"), a major engineering firm engaged in the production of Project 58155 Gyurza-M class gunboats, and in the manufacture and repair of attack uncrewed surface vessels;
- The Kyiv-1 instrument-making plant ("Kvant" Factory), a key research and manufacturing hub that produces fire control systems, optoelectronic countermeasure systems, and navigation and automation solutions for the Ukrainian Air Force and Navy, including Neptune-MD guided missiles.

On 6 July, the following targets were hit in the Kyiv region:

- The Zhuliany missile assembly and parts production plant (the LLC "Vizar Machine-Building Plant", based in Zhuliany), a State-owned military-industrial enterprise engaged in the manufacture, maintenance and repair of surface-to-air missile systems, components for aviation equipment and air defence systems, and long-range fixed-wing UAVs;

- The Vyshneve fuel and lubricant depot (“Naftoeksperimentalne KP”), a key pilot production, engineering and technology hub (the stocks of petrol and diesel stored at the facility are used for urgent fuel deliveries to the zone of hostilities).

In the early hours of 8 July, the following target was hit in Kyiv:

- An industrial plant belonging to Samsung Ukraine, where components for FP-5 Flamingo ground-based cruise missiles were being manufactured and stored.

Photographs and videos posted on social media by Ukrainians, showing secondary explosions at weapons and ammunition depots in the Kyiv region, confirm the military nature of the targets hit. Russian troops never aim at civilians.

We should like to conclude on the following note. The Zelenskyy regime, hand in glove with its European sponsors, is trying to prove that terror against civilians and war crimes is par for the course in modern warfare, thereby essentially negating the fundamental norms and principles of international humanitarian law. Let them be in no doubt that every Western-sponsored act of terror against our population will each time meet with an appropriate response from the armed forces of the Russian Federation.

The goals and tasks of the special military operation will be achieved, be it through diplomacy or by military means.

Thank you for your attention.