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On Ukraine

Mr. Chairperson,

I shall read out an abridged version of my statement. At the end of our meeting we will distribute the full version containing a detailed list of all the crimes committed by the Kyiv regime, which keeps reasserting its terrorist nature.

Zelenskyy and his accomplices have not altered their criminal tactics over the past seven days. The Ukrainian armed forces continue with the deliberate hunting of civilians in our country and are aiming their strikes at civilian infrastructure.

Between 29 June and 5 July, the Ukrainian Nazis' artillery, missile and drone attacks claimed more than 300 civilian casualties, 38 of whom were killed.

Overall, more than 4,900 munitions were fired at civilian objects on Russian territory. Ninety-five per cent of the total number of civilian casualties were victims of attacks by Ukrainian combat drones.

In Lisichansk, a drone strike on a city bus left 12 people injured. In the Bryansk region, a Ukrainian drone attacked a tourist coach en route from Belarus – the second such terrorist attack in a short space of time. In the Zaporozhye region, a barrage attack was launched in the middle of the day against a market in the city of Tokmak, killing five people and injuring a further 21. In the Tver region, a 61-year-old woman was killed when a drone struck a residential cottage. In Kstovo, Nizhny Novgorod region, one person lost his life and six were injured. I should also single out a deliberate drone strike on a passenger bus in the Belgorod region, which left seven civilians injured.

Three civilians were killed and two were injured as a result of attacks by Ukrainian armed forces drones in the Starobeshevsky municipal district, Donetsk People's Republic (DPR).

A rescue worker from the Ministry of Emergency Situations was killed and three of his colleagues were injured when a drone struck in Donetsk (DPR).

Two employees of the Tokmak power distribution zone in the Zaporozhye region were attacked and killed by a drone.

Three ambulance staff were injured after being struck by an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in Gorlovka (DPR).

Four district administration staff were injured as a result of an explosive device detonating in Rylsk, Kursk region.

Two civilians, including a 17-year-old lad, were injured in a drone attack in Lisichansk, Lugansk People's Republic.

Two civilians, including a nine-year-old child, were injured as a result of a drone strike in the Kherson region.

An 80-year-old woman was seriously injured when a drone struck a private property in the village of Semyonovka, Zaporozhye region.

These terrorist attacks are further proof that the Kyiv regime has consciously set out to target and kill Russian civilians and destroy our country's civilian infrastructure. It is not surprising that the overwhelming majority of Ukraine's inhabitants disagree with the regime on this point, as they realize that, owing to the reckless and unprofessional actions of Ukraine's air defence forces, the strikes we are launching in response against Ukrainian military-industrial facilities pose a danger to them. However, as we know, ordinary Ukrainians no longer have the right to vote or the right to freedom of speech – Zelenskyy has decided that they do not need these rights.

The upshot is that over the past seven days, Ukraine has experienced several “waves” of our “retaliatory strikes”, which have inflicted significant damage on facilities where weapons used to kill Russian citizens were being assembled or repaired.

Thus, in the early hours of 3 July, a number of defence industry enterprises and a fuel and lubricant depot in Kyiv and the Kyiv region were hit: the Abris PT consortium (working on reconnaissance UAVs), the Burevisnyk plant (UAVs and radar equipment), UkrArmoTech (armoured vehicles), the company “Kuznia na Rybalskomu” (artillery systems and uncrewed surface vessels), the Kvant factory (fire control systems) and the Zhuliany plant (air defence systems, aviation and UAV components). Strikes were also carried out against military airfields in the Dnepropetrovsk, Poltava, Cherkasy, Chernihiv and Kyiv regions.

On 5 July, facilities in Dnepropetrovsk that had been manufacturing components for Flamingo missiles were hit by Iskander tactical missile systems.

On 6 July in Kyiv, the Burevisnyk and Kvant factories, the Kyiv-71 and Kyiv-79 plants, the “Kuznia na Rybalskomu” shipyard and the Zhuliany missile assembly plant were hit.

On the morning of 8 July, the Artem military factory in Kyiv and military airfields in various regions were hit by three Kinzhal missiles.

Meanwhile, it is becoming increasingly clear that Zelenskyy, blinded by his hatred of Russia and his thirst for profit, is prepared, with the complicity of his European sponsors, to sacrifice all his fellow citizens for the sake of Western geopolitical interests. We have repeatedly pointed out that the man who usurped supreme power in Kyiv sees Ukrainians as nothing more than expendable material. What he is interested in

are high-profile tragic incidents caused by the unprofessional operations of the Ukrainian air defence forces – incidents that he exploits to beg for more money in the West for himself and his cronies.

The authorities in Kyiv are concealing the fact that damaged civilian facilities show clearly discernible traces of submunitions from air defence missiles – publishing such images in Ukraine can cost you your life. Attempts are being made to blame Russia for the UAV and air defence missile debris falling on cultural and religious sites, as was the case with the US-made Patriot surface-to-air missile that hit the Kyiv Monastery of the Caves. What the anti-Russian mantras of our Western colleagues skip over is the simple truth that if Ukraine did not deploy its air defence batteries in residential areas, in breach of international humanitarian law, there would be no casualties among Ukrainian civilians. Incidentally, Ukrainians themselves, in numerous social media posts, have been acknowledging the precision of Russian strikes on military-industrial enterprises and warning one another about the presence of Ukrainian air defence units in residential areas – which is indeed a reason to evacuate.

A few days ago, the world had the opportunity to see for itself that Zelenskyy readily uses ordinary Ukrainians – who, I would remind you, once voted for him and gave him a mandate to work towards peace – as human shields. During one of the Russian Aerospace Forces' recent barrage attacks on facilities belonging to the Kyiv regime's military-industrial complex, a facility was hit in the town of Vyshneve, near Kyiv. Naturally, the Russian Ministry of Defence knew that this facility was being used for military purposes and therefore targeted it, but the ensuing eight-hour detonation took even the experts by surprise, as something like that is characteristic only of full-scale military depots.

As a result, according to Ukrainian news sources, more than 90 houses in Vyshneve, in whose midst that facility was located, were destroyed, while a further 200 were seriously damaged. Of course, there were deaths and casualties. As Anna Skorokhod, a member of the Verkhovna Rada (Ukrainian Parliament), subsequently confirmed, air defence missiles and other munitions had been stored there. Ihor Mosiychuk, a former member of the Verkhovna Rada, stated, though, that what we destroyed in Vyshneve was the Vizar military factory.

I would remind all of Zelenskyy's Western sponsors that placing ammunition depots in residential areas constitutes an indisputable war crime. However, I have absolutely no doubt that you will not say a word about this because, just like Zelenskyy, you could not care less about ordinary Ukrainians – the more of them lose their lives, the better it is for you. As far as you are concerned, the main thing is to harm Russia, even if there are no Ukrainians left at all afterwards.

In closing, I should like to mention one more trend, which in this room you will only hear about from us. I am referring to the successful advance of Russian troops, which has accelerated after the Kyiv regime and its sponsors confirmed that they have no interest in peace talks. On 3 July, we gained full control over Konstantinovka, a key node of the Slavyansk-Kramatorsk fortified area, where several thousand Ukrainian military personnel never received the order to evacuate. So as to conceal from the Ukrainian public both the very fact that this crucial fortified area had been lost and the true scale of the losses, the Zelenskyy regime rejected our Defence Ministry's proposal to recover their bodies during a humanitarian ceasefire that we were prepared to declare to that end.

The Russian army is relentlessly moving forward; fighting is now already taking place beyond Konstantinovka, and 23 population centres have been liberated, including Yurkovka – the last major line of defence before Kramatorsk, which is now only about eight kilometres away from Russian troops. So the hour of the complete liberation of Donbass is approaching. Concurrently, our offensive continues in the south, in the Zaporozhye region, while a security zone is being established next to Russia's borders –

according to Ukrainian media reports, the Ukrainian armed forces have lost control of at least 320 square kilometres of territory over the past month.

What response can Zelenskyy, the usurper of power in Kyiv, give to this? Only to continue deceiving his people and the international community, spouting claims that Ukraine is allegedly achieving a front-line breakthrough. And to continue launching long-range strikes against Russia, the consequences of which we are successfully dealing with. In this regard, it is important to understand that the more the Kyiv regime attacks Russian civilian infrastructure, the more Ukrainian territory will end up in the security buffer zone along the border. The Kyiv regime seems to understand no other language.

It is up to you to decide how long this hypocritical charade you are sponsoring, entitled “Ukraine is winning”, will go on for. As late as April 1945, for instance, when Soviet troops were already on the outskirts of Berlin, Hitler was still trying to convince his compatriots that the tide of the war was about to turn. Perhaps Zelenskyy is drawing inspiration from that very example, given that he quotes Goebbels at internal meetings (as we learned from his former press secretary, Iuliia Mendel) and is reburying Nazi criminals.

If you agree with him, then carry on in the same vein. If, however, you do wish to preserve Ukraine, then bear in mind that we have been and remain open to negotiations – but they must be serious negotiations that will once and for all put an end to the “anti-Russia” project being implemented on our borders since at least 2014.

Thank you for your attention.