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On the ongoing hybrid war waged by NATO and the European Union against Russia

Mr. Chairperson,

Over the past week, all the trends I describe under this agenda item have become even more pronounced. The European political elites are systematically fuelling military hysteria, preparing their countries for a direct confrontation with Russia, and doing so against the wishes of their own citizens, who want peace not war.

The chasm between ordinary Europeans and the elite is becoming a fundamental characteristic of present-day Europe. Ordinary Europeans are making it clear in every way possible, using whatever means at their disposal, that they have had enough of endless money being poured into Ukraine, money that is promptly stolen by the authorities there, and are demanding an end to the conflict. Yet their political leaders are doing everything in their power to prevent the conflict from ending, propping up the Kyiv regime – which is already literally on life support – to keep it from collapsing and suffering military defeat.

Zelenskyy no longer has any surface-to-air interceptor missiles, which have become scarce on the global arms markets, but he continues his provocations against Russia and is attempting to escalate the situation and drag Europe and NATO into a direct conflict with our country at any cost. As a result, Ukraine is losing the last remnants of its industry and infrastructure, and experts are warning ever more loudly that the country faces a complete energy and transport collapse as winter approaches. The Ukrainians are rapidly running out of men on the crumbling front line; they are being mobilized on the streets with increasing brutality, and preparations are under way for the mobilization of women, because there are almost no men of conscription age left.

However, the Ukrainian President, whose term has long since expired, could not care less about his fellow citizens; his only concern is how much money the corrupt system he has created – around which new scandals are constantly erupting – can continue to siphon out of the country. He is already forced to beg the West not only for weapons, but also for money simply to keep the State apparatus afloat; the size of the hole in the Ukrainian budget, which he is demanding the Europeans plug, is growing all the time.

The European elites, meanwhile, continue to pay up dutifully, stubbornly refusing to abandon the "anti-Russia" project they themselves set in motion. On 18 September, the European Commission transferred a further tranche of 3.3 billion euros under the Ukraine Support Loan package totalling 90 billion euros.

The Prime Minister of Ukraine, Serhii Koretskyi, confirmed that these funds would go towards "top defence priorities, including the procurement of missiles and drones". The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, stated: "Europe will continue to deliver the support Ukraine needs to defend its people and its territory."

This is now the fourth tranche under the defence component of the loan; all told, since the beginning of 2026, the European Union has disbursed almost 15 billion euros to Ukraine.

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk announced that Poland had joined the so-called Anti-Ballistic Coalition, established by Ukraine and nine European countries in July. The coalition aims to jointly develop a new European anti-ballistic missile system as an alternative to the US Patriot system.

As I have already said, the Europeans are protesting ever more loudly; industrial enterprises that had been flourishing thanks to cheap Russian energy products are no longer competitive, and the elites either pretend that nothing is wrong or try to blame the consequences of their own actions on Russia. In this regard, the situation in Germany is particularly telling. The current leadership can no longer boast even double-digit approval ratings and is suffering crushing defeats in one federal state election after another, yet it is unwilling to abandon its Russophobic policy, which is detrimental to the country, and its support for Ukraine.

To this end, Merz and his team have to employ subterfuge. I should like, in particular, to draw attention to the information revealed by the *Financial Times* regarding the existence within the German Defence Ministry of a top-secret unit known as "Sonderstab Ukraine", which is responsible for procuring armaments for the Kyiv regime in circumvention of all standard procedures.

The unit was established in 2022 as a situation centre for monitoring developments on the front line, but subsequently evolved into a key structure ensuring Germany's status as the foremost sponsor of the Kyiv regime. Fewer than 20 people work in this unit, but the German budget for military aid to Ukraine this year stands at 11.5 billion euros. Arms procurement deals are finalized in just two weeks, bypassing lengthy bureaucratic procedures.

The process works as follows: Ukraine informs Germany of the weapons it requires, after which the German side sources the relevant systems and pays for them. The Ukrainian side signs contracts directly with the suppliers, and Germany merely settles the invoices. As the *Financial Times* notes, this makes it possible to bypass German tender requirements. The total aggregate expenditure on weapons for Ukraine since 2022 has reached almost 67 billion dollars.

It is noteworthy that this unit operates without oversight from German auditors or Parliament. As critics point out, this creates enormous scope for corruption and kickbacks between the Ukrainian leadership and German defence contractors. But this comes as no surprise to anyone in Europe.

Colleagues, we also note that the intensified militarization of Europe and its preparations for war are accompanied by a steady stream of new scare stories about an allegedly inevitable attack by Russia. At the same time, information about Russia's regular assurances at the very highest level that a war with NATO and Europe is not part of our plans does not reach the European man or woman in the street: all information

is carefully filtered, and Russian media outlets in EU countries have long been blocked to ensure that nothing stands in the way of the brainwashing of ordinary Europeans.

For example, NATO has already published its requirements as regards civil preparedness for war entitled Baseline Requirements for Resilience. The document describes how the State and society should function in the event of a large-scale conflict: mass evacuation, dealing with large numbers of casualties, stockpiling blood and pharmaceuticals, the uninterrupted operation of communications and transport, and the continuity of government.

According to CNN, all European countries have, to a greater or lesser extent, launched emergency defence preparations. Consequently, Europe's choice in favour of a new war appears to have been made once and for all.

The following concrete steps have been taken: France has announced new measures to protect critical infrastructure from "intensifying Russian hybrid attacks"; the United Kingdom has urged its citizens to stockpile canned foods and drinking water; Germany is preparing its hospitals for a possible attack; Switzerland has shifted away from its traditional neutrality and adopted a new national security strategy.

A growing number of incidents involving drones, which Europe immediately attributes to Russia without even bothering to provide any evidence, has become a distinctive feature of the militaristic Russophobic psychosis that Europe is currently experiencing. We witnessed such a circus act performed by our German colleagues at our previous meeting. There is every reason to believe that this was not the last such performance.

For example, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk has warned that, "in the coming months", Russia may launch drones or missiles into the territory of NATO countries that are supporting Ukraine and make them look like "accidents". French President Emmanuel Macron described these warnings as "sound and well-documented" and announced a new plan to protect critical infrastructure.

In short, all those in Europe who are keen on anti-Russian provocations are currently in a state of extreme agitation. And in Kyiv, of course, they are willing to help them. All the more so given that there is a track record for such co-operation – take, for instance, the false-flag operation in Bucha, which, coupled with Mr. Johnson's efforts, prevented the hostilities in Ukraine from coming to an end just one month after the start of our special military operation.

I should like to return to the subject of Bucha once more as I bring my statement to a close.

Last week, a presentation of the report "Heirs of Goebbels: falsification of the events in Bucha and bloody staged performances of the Kiev regime" took place in Moscow. The report was prepared by the International Public Tribunal on the Crimes of Ukrainian Neo-Nazis, chaired by Maxim Grigoriev, and is based exclusively on facts, of which there are plenty, even though Ukraine, with the backing of its Western sponsors, is attempting to conceal the truth about the Bucha provocation. In particular, as we have already said on numerous occasions, we are still being refused a list of those who, according to the Kyiv regime's version of events, were killed in Bucha, even though we have repeatedly asked the United Nations Secretary-General to help us obtain it.

We still do not have the list, but there are photographs published by the authorities and by Ukrainians themselves of the Bucha memorial, to which all Western guests visiting Kyiv are taken as if they were tourists. Well, even these photos clearly highlight the scale of this provocation. Among other things, the report cites specific examples of how the names of Nazis from the Azov battalion, military personnel, people

who were killed elsewhere or elderly citizens who died of illness have been included on the memorial and are now being passed off as civilians allegedly killed by Russia. Furthermore, the document contains eyewitness testimonies to similar staged incidents, in which attempts were made to portray crimes committed by the Ukrainian military as the actions of Russian troops.

Nazi propaganda used the same techniques. All in all, the legacy of Goebbels lives on and triumphs. We will circulate this report at the OSCE in the near future so that everyone has the opportunity to read it and draw their own conclusions. Insofar as, of course, your conscience allows you to acknowledge the obvious.

Thank you for your attention.