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**On the ongoing crimes by the Kyiv regime and the dangerous policies of the Western
alliance countries to escalate tensions**

Mr. Chairperson,

On 9 May, the 78th anniversary of victory in the Great Patriotic War was celebrated across the entire space of the former Soviet Union. In this day and age, as a number of countries attempt to rewrite history and belittle the role played by the tremendous efforts of the Soviet people in defeating Nazism in Europe, it is extremely important to honour and remember the heroic feat accomplished by all those who selflessly combated the “Brown Plague” of the twentieth century. We express our gratitude to our allies and friends across the Commonwealth of Independent States and also to all the other OSCE participating States that, despite the external pressure, continue to stand up for preserving the truth about the events of the Second World War period and about the victory over Nazism in the Great Patriotic War.

The generation of those who achieved that victory genuinely believed that the millions of lives lost in eradicating the Nazi ideology with all its contempt for humankind were not in vain. That neither Nazism nor grotesque caricatures thereof would ever again rear their ugly head anywhere. That crazed ideas about destroying entire peoples would never again be put into practice anywhere, that notions of ethnic, racial or any other imaginary superiority would never again be propagated.

Unfortunately, we can see a sad example of the opposite in present-day Ukraine, where the neo-Nazi regime in Kyiv nurtured by the West not only is holding the population to ransom and very much physically destroying any dissent but is also, in the truest sense of the word, terrorizing Ukrainians and the inhabitants of neighbouring States. The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, was apparently referring to all this when, during her visit to Kyiv on 9 May, she spoke of “Ukraine ... fighting for the ideals of Europe that we celebrate today, to create lasting unity and peace, to represent the values of freedom, diversity and humanity that Europe is built on”. And she added that in this “fight” the European Union and its Member States stood “shoulder to shoulder” with the Kyiv regime.

We are hearing similar tales full of admiration for the Kyiv regime’s “brave” actions from its US and British handlers, including in this very room. It is worth recalling the remarks made by the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the OSCE, Michael Carpenter, in connection with his visit to Kyiv on 6 May. He claimed that success for the Kyiv regime would be “a triumph for the entire ... world”.

Let us consider specifically what this is referring to, that is, what kind of “triumph” the powers that be in Washington, D.C., are lusting for.

On the very same day that this US permanent representative and a group of Members of Congress arrived in Kyiv, the Chief of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Kyiv regime’s Ministry of Defence, Kyrylo Budanov, gave an interview to Yahoo News. Asked by the journalists interviewing him whether the branch of the intelligence services under his tutelage had been involved in the assassination of certain public figures in Russia, Budanov literally answered as follows: “Don’t continue with that topic. All I will comment on is that we’ve been killing Russians and we will keep killing Russians anywhere on the face of this world until the complete victory of Ukraine.” We would draw attention to the fact that these were remarks by an official of the puppet regime in Kyiv that is being sponsored by the United States, the United Kingdom and several other Western countries. Those words reflect the mentality of that regime; no one has disavowed or repudiated them. And no one has even condemned them, be it among the Kyiv functionaries, be it in the United States, the United Kingdom or the upper echelons of the European Union. Nor will we hear any condemnation of these remarks from Western representatives here today.

Against this backdrop it smacks of inordinate cynicism that the US Government should have allotted a further package of military supplies, worth 1.2 billion dollars, to the Kyiv regime on 9 May, including shipments of ammunition to enable it to continue killing Russians and Ukrainians. With their puppets in Kyiv doing the dirty work, some Western countries have long since unleashed a real war aimed at destroying our unity and statehood as such. As we can see, this war is now accompanied by the declaration that the objective is to exterminate our entire people, by calls for Russians and Russian citizens to be killed anywhere in the world. It is no exaggeration to say that this is in the best traditions of the Nazi Führer, Adolf Hitler, and his Banderite henchmen and other underlings, who had the temerity to proclaim the “cancellation” and extermination of entire peoples and cultures as goals to be pursued.

It is worth remembering that every action begets a counteraction. Through their disgusting Russophobia and support for the neo-Nazis in Ukraine, the Western elites have merely helped to bring about an even greater internal consolidation of Russian society and to strengthen our people’s conviction that it is essential to swiftly, fully and unconditionally achieve all the objectives of the special military operation as the only way of ensuring sustainable peace and stability.

Last week, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, seeking to justify the bankrolling of the Kyiv regime, asserted the following during a conference in Florence: “I would prefer to spend this money increasing the well-being of the people, hospitals, schools, cities, etc. But we don’t have a choice.” And a few days ago, in an interview with the television channel laSexta, he admitted that the collective West was in effect controlling and determining Ukraine’s military activities by feeding it with armaments. Indeed, if the supplies were to stop, the conflict would be over “in a matter of days”. Developing that idea further, one might add that there would be no more new casualties and destruction. However, Mr. Borrell immediately qualified his words, explaining that European Union officials were against the military “beefing up” of the Volodymyr Zelenskyy regime being stopped, above all because they had not managed, with the help of the Ukrainian conflict, to attain their geopolitical goals (the EU foreign policy chief even openly pondered the question: “Is this really how we want to end the war?”). Yet another eloquent self-revelation of how the West is using the Ukrainians as a cat’s paw to wage a proxy war against our country.

As they try to manipulate the consciousness of Europeans, the representatives of the European Union forget to clarify that the EU elites always have the option to abandon their neocolonial aspirations vis-à-vis Ukraine, stop sponsoring the killing of our compatriots, and refrain from participating in efforts to advance the geopolitical plans of the United States and the United Kingdom aimed at inflicting some kind of

“strategic defeat” on our country. Last but not least, that they have the option to begin living at peace with their Russian neighbours and to attend to their countries’ socio-economic development.

Taking advantage of Western countries’ reckless support, the Kyiv regime continues to plan, organize and carry out terrorist sorties. Today it is exactly 40 days since the journalist and publisher Maxim Fomin (Vladlen Tatarsky) perished in a St. Petersburg cafe. Following the instructions of the intelligence services in Kyiv, someone had handed him an object containing explosive matter.

On 6 May, that is, on the same day that Mr. Carpenter, the US Permanent Representative to the OSCE, was in Kyiv fantasizing about the “triumphs” of the Kyiv regime and military intelligence chief Budanov was promising to kill Russians “anywhere on the face of this world”, the car of the writer, publicist and public figure Yevgeny Nikolayevich Prilepin, better known by the *nom de plume* Zakhar Prilepin, was blown up in the Nizhny Novgorod region of the Russian Federation.

Literally five minutes before this act of terrorism, Zakhar had helped his five-year-old daughter out of the car. That saved the girl’s life. As a result of the blast, Mr. Prilepin’s comrade-in-arms Aleksandr Shubin, a native of Luhansk, was killed. The writer himself was seriously injured but survived. Shortly afterwards, the perpetrator of the terrorist attack, Oleksandr Permiakov, was detained in a forest nearby. He confessed to working for the Kyiv regime’s intelligence services, having been recruited by them back in 2018. He had come to the Russian Federation specifically to carry out the assassination.

The representatives of the countries providing the Kyiv regime with political, military and financial support who took the floor today have not condemned these acts of terrorism. Clearly, it may be unequivocally concluded that they are hushing up and encouraging the Kyiv regime’s terrorist activities. For this evidently constitutes what Ms. von der Leyen, as we have already mentioned, refers to as “fighting for ... the values of freedom, diversity and humanity that Europe is built on”. Well, it is yet another example of “European values” being consciously discredited, building on Mr. Borrell’s racist remarks about the European Union as a lush “garden” surrounded by “jungle”. Ordinary Europeans, however, should give careful thought to the following: currently, at the instigation of the Western elites, the Kyiv regime’s terrorist activities are directed against Russia. But what if these activities are redirected and they begin to manifest themselves in the EU area?

A few days ago, the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) thwarted the preparations for a terrorist attack that was to have taken place during an anti-fascist mass event in Samara. It was being prepared by a Ukrainian-born woman, who had planned to hand over to an unidentified individual the means for committing the crime.

FSB officers arrested a 31-year-old Ukrainian citizen in the Zaporozhye region who had entered the Russian Federation to perform an assignment he had been set by Budanov’s agency, namely to assassinate the chief of police in the settlement of Kyrylivka in that region. It proved possible to avert the tragedy.

In early May, also in the Zaporozhye region, the Russian FSB nipped in the bud a sabotage and terrorist group made up of agents from the Ukrainian intelligence services. The group had been preparing a terrorist attack against one of the managers of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. Its criminal activities were being co-ordinated both directly through Oleksandr Umanskyi and Andrii Nikulin, officers from the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Kyiv regime’s Defence Ministry, and recruiting agent Viktoriia Budnikova, and remotely from Finland through an intermediary, Yuliia Tkachuk. Two individuals who had been engaged in preparations for terrorist activities were detained. A ready-for-use explosive device, an automatic weapon along with ammunition for it, and explosives were seized.

Russia is currently bearing the brunt of the struggle against the neo-Nazi regime in Kyiv that is being nurtured and supported by the United States and several NATO countries. The special military operation is aimed at ensuring that there are no longer any threats both to Russia and to security in the OSCE area as a whole emanating from Ukrainian territory.

To that end, the military capabilities of the Kyiv regime are being crushed and neutralized. On 8 May, the Russian armed forces launched a series of concentrated strikes using high-precision, long-range sea- and air-based weapons against temporary reserve bases and ammunition depots of Mr. Zelenskyy's formations. As a result of these strikes, deployment of the aforementioned reserves was thwarted, as was the delivery of munitions to areas in which fighting is taking place.

Mr. Chairperson,

One year ago, in his video address on 9 May 2022, Mr. Zelenskyy asserted that he would not forgo celebrating 9 May and the victory over Nazism. Going farther back in time, on 9 May 2019, the former artiste said at the grave of his grandfather, Red Army soldier Semyon Zelenskyy, that "9 May is our Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving for the fact that the inhuman ideology of Nazism is forever a thing of the past." This year, he once again deceived the Ukrainians, submitting a draft law to the Verkhovna Rada (Ukrainian Parliament) on 8 May, whereby Victory Day would no longer be observed on 9 May. The so-called Europe Day would be celebrated on that date instead.

Significantly, this decision by Mr. Zelenskyy was immediately welcomed at the European Union: a statement was made by European Commission spokesperson Dana Spinant, while Ms. von der Leyen, on the occasion already mentioned, chimed in as well. However, she did not clarify whether the EU bureaucrats also commended the way in which scores of monuments to those who fought against Nazism have been destroyed by the Kyiv regime and its formations over the past year, or whether they welcomed its large-scale campaign to glorify Nazi collaborators – Bandera, Shukhevych and others – including the renaming of numerous place names in their "honour" in regime-controlled territories. Or the fact that inveterate neo-Nazis in the ranks of various armed formations are today continuing, with Western weapons in their hands, to perpetrate crimes against the civilian population.

Mr. Zelenskyy has forsworn 9 May, while his Ambassador to Germany, Oleksii Makeiev, refused to lay flowers at the memorial complex in Berlin commemorating fallen Soviet soldiers – at a place where this is traditionally done jointly by the representatives of countries which victory over Nazism gave the opportunity to assert their right to existence and national development. All this indicates that the Kyiv regime is consciously distancing itself from the legacy of the victors in the war against Nazism and zealously courting association with the Nazis' Banderite accomplices. To all intents and purposes, an alien legacy – the ideological legacy of the losing side in the war against the USSR – is being foisted on the Ukrainian people. They can say whatever they like over in the West in propaganda speeches about the "defence of values", but the facts speak for themselves: the red stars on the fuselage of our aircraft are today once again battling iron crosses and swastikas on armoured vehicles – now, though, it is armoured vehicles belonging to Mr. Zelenskyy's formations.

In closing, we stress that our country will continue to consistently defend its legitimate national interests for as long as it takes, and to protect its people by all available means. To prevent a large-scale escalation and achieve sustainable peace, it is essential that the supply of NATO armaments and mercenaries to Ukrainian territory and the use of these to kill Russians and Ukrainians be stopped; there must, further, be a cessation of hostilities with a view to saving lives and a return to substantive dialogue on a demilitarized and denazified future for Ukraine, taking the current realities into account.

Thank you for your attention.