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**On dangerous provocations by the Kyiv regime with the support of a
Western alliance of OSCE participating States, and on the Kyiv regime's ongoing
crimes against the civilian population**

Mr. Chairperson,

In the course of the special military operation, high-precision weapons are being employed to carry out strikes on energy infrastructure facilities used for the military provisioning, logistics and communications of Ukrainian armed formations. According to the Russian Ministry of Defence, the planned targets are being hit successfully. The destruction in residential districts that is being “showcased” by the Kyiv regime is a direct consequence of anti-aircraft missiles launched by the Ukrainian formations from Ukrainian and foreign air defence systems stationed within urban areas falling to the ground and self-destructing.

The Russian Aerospace Forces' precision strikes have been carried out solely on targets that are within the territory of Ukraine and are no closer than 35 km from the Ukrainian-Polish border. We have taken note of the reports of the incident that occurred on 15 November in the environs of the village of Przewodów on Polish territory. According to experts from the Russian Ministry of Defence who studied the freshly published photographs of the missile fragments, these have been identified as elements of an S-300 guided anti-aircraft missile belonging to the Ukrainian air force.

Reports immediately appeared in several Western media pinning the blame for the incident in the village of Przewodów on Russia: they claimed that the missile was Russian. On the basis of this unsubstantiated and unverified information a number of high-ranking officials in Ukraine, Poland, the Baltic countries and Slovakia hastened to make hysterical statements, essentially calling for the engagement of Russia in military conflict. That is, to all intents and purposes they were seeking to foment a large-scale war in Europe. All this eloquently demonstrates the level of their competence and sense of responsibility, or rather their lack of such qualities.

We have noted reports of how on 16 November the United States of America informed its NATO associates that the incident in Poland was the doing of the Ukrainian air defence. The fact that the missile that landed there belonged to Ukrainian formations was emphasized yesterday by the President of Poland, Andrzej Duda, and the Secretary General of NATO, Jens Stoltenberg. There has also been some

back-peddalling from the Prime Minister of Poland, Mateusz Morawiecki, who pointed out that there was no need to convene NATO consultations. The matter-of-fact conclusion is that a Ukrainian missile landed on Polish territory, yet many high-ranking officials rushed to spout yet more anti-Russian lies without bothering to get to the bottom of the facts or to compare notes with their patrons in Washington, D.C.

The President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, particularly distinguished himself by demanding that NATO “must act” at once against Russia. It is worth recalling that not so long ago he was calling for “preventive strikes” with nuclear weapons against our country. Moreover, during a conversation with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken yesterday, the Ukrainian Foreign Minister, Dmytro Kuleba, urged a “stiff response” to the landing of that missile in Poland.

We would be grateful to our US colleagues for a public clarification of what kind of “stiff response” their protégés in Kyiv can expect to face for their inept deployment of air defence systems. In addition, will the US Government ensure that measures are taken to combat the disinformation served up by officials from the Kyiv regime, the Baltic States, Poland and several other countries, as well as by numerous Western media outlets, including major news agencies?

We would hazard a guess that no such action will follow. All this shows one thing: in their judgements about the situation regarding Ukraine many continue to be guided not by facts and objective analysis of these, but by their political bias and anti-Russian attitudes. The incident in Przewodów has also highlighted something else, namely that the nominal leaders of the Kyiv regime either are not in control of the situation on the ground, including the actions of their armed formations, or they are consciously misleading the global community. And it is into the hands of these very people that the representatives of the Western alliance, with their arms shipments, are putting more and more weapons.

We have seen similar approaches in relation to other topics as well. Hundreds of anti-Russian fake stories à la Bucha have been peddled. Take, for example, the brutal Ukrainian missile strike on a crowd of refugees at the railway station in Kramatorsk in the Donetsk People’s Republic (DPR) on 8 April, which those in Kyiv and the West instantly blamed on the Russian military. However, after Italian journalists showed the serial number of the Ukrainian Tochka-U missile that had been used, they all piped down at once. As one can see, the Russophobes are not interested in the truth – they are motivated by a single goal, namely to defame Russia and pave the way for NATO military infrastructure to be brought even closer to our country’s borders.

Similarly, the pronouncements by the head of the European External Action Service, Josep Borrell, confirm that what is being pursued is by no means opportunities for dialogue. He not only continues to call for the conduct of military operations in Ukraine, expecting some sort of resolution “on the battlefield”, but is also explicitly announcing the launching of preparations for a large-scale war against our country. In particular, on 10 November, when presenting the Action Plan on Military Mobility 2.0 for the period 2022–2026, he stated that the entire road and rail infrastructure of the European Union had to be revamped and adapted to enable the swift deployment of military equipment from west to east.

A few days ago, a so-called EU “training mission” for members of the Ukrainian armed formations took up its work under the command of Vice Admiral Hervé Bléjean. The plan is for at least 15,000 personnel to be drilled at training grounds in Germany and Poland and for them subsequently to go on to fire at Russians and Ukrainians from NATO weapons.

All this comes on top of the supplies of lethal weapons and equipment that the European Union has been shipping since February 2022 in violation of export control rules. (As Mr. Borrell himself has pointed out, the total value of the allocations for military needs already granted to Ukraine by the European Union

amounts to 8 billion euros.) In practice, yet another step has been taken towards the direct involvement of several EU countries in the current events as a warring party. That step was dictated by nothing but Russophobia and expansionist cravings with regard to Ukrainian territory. We note the balanced position of Hungary, which has refused to take part in the training of Ukrainian fighters.

Further steps in the military provisioning of the Kyiv regime were also discussed at the meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group held on 16 November at the US air base of Ramstein in Germany. We emphasize that the longer the supplies of weapons to the Kyiv regime by NATO countries go on, the greater the suffering and destruction that will ensue from their use and the later peace will be in coming to Ukraine. Over the past week, foreign-made tube and rocket artillery pieces have been used to carry out destructive strikes on residential areas in the city of Donetsk and on Horlivka, Kostiantynivka, Makiivka, Rozivka, Nova Kakhovka, Hornostaivka, Kamianka-Dniprovska, Ilovaisk, Kashtanove, Yasynuvata, Torez, Stakhanov, Sabivka and many other population centres. Dozens of people were injured, many were killed; the figures are being updated.

On 11 November, units of the Russian armed forces finished taking up their positions on lines of defence on the left bank of the Dnieper River in the Kherson region. These movements were informed not only by tactical considerations but, above all, by the striving to avoid loss of life among the civilian population and Russian military personnel in view of the continued Ukrainian shelling. A huge number of inhabitants of the region – more than 115,000 people – have expressed their desire to be evacuated deep into Russian territory. We note that the Ukrainian formations in the occupied territories have begun undertaking punitive actions, in the course of which individuals suspected of pro-Russian sympathies are subjected to torture and execution without charge or trial. All such actions will come under legal scrutiny; the perpetrators will be brought to justice in accordance with the law.

As can be seen from footage taken by Associated Press journalists in Kherson, members of Ukrainian formations tied civilians to lamp posts: their subsequent fate is unknown. That we are dealing with nothing less than mass killings in the population centres controlled by the Ukrainian armed forces was admitted in a recent interview by a representative of the Kyiv regime, the so-called head of the Kherson city military administration, Halyna Luhova, who indicated that the Ukrainian military would “shoot down like dogs” all those suspected of collaboration with the Russian authorities. Everyone has seen how such “filtration measures” concluded in, say, the Kharkiv region thanks to the video showing neo-Nazis shooting dead several civilians in a ravine near Kupiansk in mid-October.

The Kyiv regime continues to use terrorist methods, including against representatives of the local authorities in the Russian Federation. Thus, in Melitopol in the Zaporizhzhia region an improvised explosive device was detonated on 11 November next to the building where the head of the culture and sports department, Andrii Boiko, resides. He survived but sustained injuries.

In view of this, it is extremely odd to hear the emissaries of the Kyiv regime accuse Russia of engaging in terrorism. They ought to explain – though they obviously will not – why, for example, a battalion with the ever so innocuous name “Terror”, which includes many foreign citizens in its ranks, was established in August under the authority of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence and has been operating ever since then. It is also worth recalling the testimony of Ukrainian citizen Yevhenii Karpenko (b. 1984), who turned himself in to the DPR law enforcement authorities in August this year. He said that he had been recruited by the Ukrainian intelligence services on Czech territory, where he was trained in sabotage using explosives by Ukrainian and foreign instructors in the environs of the city of Český Krumlov. Subsequently he had been sent to the DPR to carry out an act of terrorism. And there are many other incidents pointing to the Kyiv regime’s use of terrorist methods in its striving to achieve political goals.

One further point. We have taken note of how despite Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan personally thanking Russian President Vladimir Putin today for his efforts to renew the “grain deal”, and also despite the criticisms voiced by President Erdoğan over several months against Western countries, above all the United States, for their destructive role in stoking and exacerbating the crisis in Ukraine, the representatives of Türkiye in this room focused today on levelling groundless charges against our country. We will, of course, inform our Government about this curious discrepancy.

The Russian special military operation will carry on and continue to be conducted in a consistent and responsible manner. Its objectives are known and they will be accomplished fully. Resolving the situation in Ukraine must, needless to say, include various aspects of demilitarization and denazification, as well as the elimination of threats to the security of the Russian Federation created by the West on Ukrainian territory. Russia is willing to engage in meaningful, substantive dialogue and will actively defend its interests for as long as is required to safeguard the security of our State and protect its sovereignty.

Thank you for your attention.