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On the increasing military involvement of certain NATO and EU member States in further confrontation in and around Ukraine

Mr. Chairperson,

We are witnessing a deliberate ratcheting up of military hysteria in Western countries, where Russia is being portrayed as some kind of existential threat to Europe and NATO. However, this is to completely ignore the numerous statements by the Russian leadership, first and foremost by President Vladimir Putin, to the effect that Russia does not have and has never had any plans to attack Western countries. Let us cite just a few recent examples of such rhetoric: Sweden's Defence Minister says that it is necessary to make urgent preparations for war, Germany's intelligence chief claims that Russia has plans to move further westwards, and the NATO Secretary General even suggests that the Europeans should "learn Russian" if there is insufficient spending on defence. Such statements, which are not supported by any evidence, are made against the backdrop of Russia's clear and consistent assurances that it has no aggressive intentions towards Europe.

There is only one explanation for this: the demonization of Russia has become a convenient tool for justifying huge military expenditures, rallying the Alliance and explaining to the West's citizens why funds are being channelled to meet the needs of the corrupt Kyiv regime rather than to solve domestic problems.

The latest example of this military hysteria was the so-called drone issue in Poland. We would remind you that the Russian Ministry of Defence immediately proposed holding consultations with Poland and dealing with the situation in a constructive manner, but the authorities in Warsaw, and likewise the Brussels bloc, preferred to engage in propaganda manipulation of public opinion. Instead of professional dialogue through diplomatic channels, the leadership of Poland and of other EU and NATO member countries are making groundless accusations against Russia about it allegedly waging hybrid warfare or preparing sabotage attacks. Particularly noteworthy are the attempts to pass off the impact of a missile fired by an F-16 fighter jet as "consequences of a Russian attack". This version, I might add, was not even accepted by the President of the Republic of Poland. Now it appears that any bungling use of aircraft in NATO countries can blithely be attributed to Russian "machinations".

We understand that such rhetoric is largely due to considerations of domestic and foreign policy – it is necessary to justify the colossal defence spending to taxpayers. At the same time, we note that realistically minded circles in the United States of America regard the European Union’s actions as a means for the liberal wing to exert pressure aimed at derailing efforts to resume pragmatic dialogue with Russia. Suspicions that the incident involving unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) over Poland was a false-flag operation on the part of the Kyiv regime and its patrons are being openly voiced by US experts, such as Stephen Bryen, a former adviser to the Pentagon chief. In his opinion, this was Ukraine’s way of trying to secure the fast-tracking of arms transfers and increased US involvement in the conflict.

At the same time, European countries are continuing to actually ply the Kyiv regime with weapons. They are gambling on the most dangerous long-range systems.

Denmark has crossed a dangerous line by making its territory available for the production of components for missiles intended to strike Russian territory. What we are referring to here are plans to begin production in the town of Vojens of solid rocket fuel for Ukrainian missiles with a range of up to 3,000 kilometres. This step not only confirms Denmark’s hostile approach, but also demonstrates a cynical disregard for security norms and the interests of its own citizens. Such production is being set up in flagrant breach of environmental and industrial standards, solely to serve the interests of enriching the Danish military-industrial complex. Russia will continue to resolutely defend its legitimate interests and will take appropriate military and technical measures to curb emerging threats to its national security.

Denmark’s neighbour Norway is also showing itself equally zealous. Cynically using the name of humanist Fridtjof Nansen, Norway is pursuing a consistent policy of beefing up the Kyiv regime militarily, focusing on large-scale deliveries of UAVs and the training of UAV operators. At the same time, instances of targeted attacks by Ukrainian drones on civilian objects and civilians in Donbass, including strikes on critical infrastructure such as the Druzhba oil pipeline, are demonstratively ignored. There is no way that this can be called “fighting for democratic values”. Let us call things by their proper name: the States involved in strengthening Ukraine’s missile and drone capabilities bear direct responsibility for the consequences of the terrorist deployment of these capabilities against the civilian population.

On 10 September, when addressing the European Parliament, the head of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, announced the European Union’s plans to provide 6 billion euros in loans to the Kyiv regime through a “Drone Alliance with Ukraine”, which the EU will join. The European Union and its individual Member States, by openly aiding and supporting the Kyiv regime with their taxpayers’ money, have long since become a *de facto* party to the conflict, which means that they have turned into accomplices in the terror unleashed by Ukrainian neo-Nazis against the civilian population and bear responsibility for these crimes. They see no need for this terror to stop; the main thing is to keep on inflicting damage on Russia. This is why the “Coalition of the Willing” is issuing deliberately unacceptable ultimatum-like demands to Russia, constantly threatening further sanctions and attempting to get the US Government to backslide into the policies of the Biden era. The “term-expired President”, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, himself has also joined in. In an interview with Sky News on 16 September, he started giving instructions to Donald Trump on how the United States should construct its policy on Ukraine.

We can see that the “Coalition of the Willing” and its sympathizers are also active on a pseudo-legal front – they are ramping up legal aggression against Russia in order to make both a political settlement as such and any subsequent normalization as difficult as possible. The engineers of this complex spiral of confrontation seem to be hell-bent on not allowing Europe to put an end to its hybrid war against Russia and on preventing it from mending relations with our country in the future.

Meanwhile, full support for the Kyiv regime continues. The sponsors of the Zelenskyy regime turn a blind eye to any wrongdoing on its part. For example, to its terrorist attacks on Russian territory. But not all countries are enamoured of such methods by the Kyiv regime, especially when terrorist activity affects their territory as well. A report by the Georgian law enforcement agencies detailing how the Ukrainian intelligence services had organized the smuggling of a large consignment of explosives into Georgia in order to carry out a terrorist attack in Tbilisi is noteworthy. According to a statement by the Georgian State Security Service, two Ukrainian citizens were detained on 11 September for transporting 2.4 kg of hexogen through several countries, with the explosives being handed over to the truck driver on Ukrainian territory by local intelligence officers. This is by no means the first such incident: in February 2024, Georgia intercepted 14 kg of military-grade explosives from Ukraine disguised as car batteries and bound for Voronezh. There are serious fears that, because the authorities in Tbilisi refused to open a “second front” against Russia, the Kyiv regime is attempting to destabilize the situation in Georgia itself by organizing terrorist attacks.

The Kyiv regime is continuing its extremely dangerous policy of directing strikes against Russia’s energy facilities. Today we want to draw attention to the actions that are jeopardizing the safe operation of nuclear power plants. On 12 September, a Ukrainian drone attacked one of the operating reactor units of the Smolensk nuclear power plant (NPP). Several windows in auxiliary buildings were blown out. On 5 and 8 September, the satellite city of the Zaporizhzhia NPP Energodar was subjected to artillery shelling and a UAV attack by the Ukrainian armed forces. On 6 September, Ukrainian drones struck the Zaporizhzhia NPP training centre located 300 metres from a reactor unit. Fortunately, there was no major damage. A Ukrainian drone tried to strike the Kursk NPP in the early hours of 24 August – a transformer was damaged as a result of the UAV attack. There has not been a single word of condemnation from the Finnish Chairmanship or the OSCE Troika in the face of these extremely irresponsible actions on the part of the Kyiv regime. I beg to ask: if Ukraine causes a new Chernobyl to occur, will you still refer to this as “legitimate self-defence”?

The aforementioned facts point to the terrorist nature of the Zelenskyy regime, operating as it does with the full support of the countries of the anti-Russian alliance, which are engaging, at the expense of the Ukrainians, in systematic hybrid aggression against Russian statehood. Rest assured, Russia will always find the forces and means to protect its vital interests and the security of its citizens. We are ready to engage with constructively minded partners to find a comprehensive and sustainable political and diplomatic solution that will necessarily take into account the interests of our country. As long as the Russian peace proposals do not elicit an appropriate response, the special operation will be continued until its objectives have been fully accomplished.

Thank you for your attention.