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Mr. Chairperson,

Today, too, guided by their governments' patently doomed-to-fail course of escalation aimed at geopolitical confrontation with Russia, our Western colleagues continue to distort the facts at the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) in an attempt to justify the crimes of the puppet regime in Kyiv, which is a tool in the hands of the Euro-Atlanticists. What they have succeeded in, though, is in supplying weapons and ammunition contrary to the rules of responsible export control, and in orchestrating false-flag operations that are used as a pretext for exerting sanctions pressure on our country. We will most assuredly come back to this in greater detail, but to start with we should like to focus on the humanitarian initiatives of the leaders of Russia and the United States of America and how they have been ignored by the Kyiv regime with the connivance of the Europeans.

On 29 April, while speaking to President Trump over the telephone, President Putin announced plans to declare a truce for 8 and 9 May to mark the Day of Victory over Hitler's Nazi Germany, in the defeat of which the USSR played a decisive role. The US President actively supported this proposal.

There followed a rather jittery reaction from the Kyiv regime. Volodymyr Zelenskyy attempted to downplay the humanitarian significance of the Russian President's initiative. What is more, he threatened to disrupt the events in Moscow on 9 May, despite being fully aware that the city's squares and streets would be lined with veterans of the Great Patriotic War, invited foreign Heads of State, and numerous guests and onlookers both from our country and from abroad, all gathered there to celebrate the victory over the German fascist invaders and to pay tribute to the fallen.

On 4 May, while confirming that a truce would be declared for the dates specified by the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, the Russian Ministry of Defence warned at the same time that it stood ready to nip in the bud any armed provocations by the Zelenskyy regime. Given that the command and decision-making centres in Kyiv are located in close proximity to diplomatic institutions, we carried out targeted outreach work with the international community through the

appropriate channels to explain the situation that could arise should the Ukrainian armed forces go ahead with provocations, and to urge these countries to ensure the safety and security of their diplomatic missions.

Following such dialogue with the United States, there came a proposal from President Trump for an additional two-day truce and an exchange of prisoners of war between Russia and Ukraine, a move which our country supported on humanitarian grounds.

In accordance with the decision of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, during the celebrations marking the 81st anniversary of Victory Day, all Russian force groupings in the zone of the special military operation strictly observed the truce from 00:00 on 8 May until 24:00 on 11 May and remained at the previously held borders and positions.

Despite the truce that had been declared, the Ukrainian armed forces carried out strikes using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and opened artillery fire on Russian troop positions. In total, 30,383 violations of the truce by the Ukrainians were recorded during the period in which it was in force in the zone of the special military operation.

Our country's armed forces responded strictly in kind to the Ukrainian military's actions. It was solely in retaliation that they fired on positions where multiple rocket launchers, artillery and mortars were located and struck command posts and UAV launch sites.

Once again, the past week has shown that the Kyiv regime is bent on escalation. No actual order was issued for the Ukrainian armed forces to hold their fire, neither in connection with Mr. Zelenskyy's media capers with regard to moving the truce forward to 6 May, nor in connection with the Russian and US leaders' humanitarian initiatives. The Kyiv regime merely expanded the geographical scope of its terrorist attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure, widening it to reach deep into the rear, including Cheboksary, Perm and Grozny. Strikes continued to be launched on residential buildings and surrounding areas, community facilities, civilian production plants, electricity transmission and distribution systems, retail outlets, petrol filling stations, mobile phone masts and civilian vehicles. According to data from Rodion Miroshnik, the Russian Foreign Ministry's Ambassador-at-Large working on the Kyiv regime's crimes, artillery, missile and drone attacks by the Ukrainian armed forces claimed 234 civilian casualties between 4 and 10 May: 209 people were injured, including 14 minors, and 25 people were killed, including one child.

The numerous attempts to portray Russia as a violator of international humanitarian law are a favourite propaganda tactic of the West. In that regard, we have noticed reports that, only yesterday, NATO representatives held three meetings in, respectively, Brussels, Los Angeles and Paris with film directors, screenwriters and producers working in the cinema industry, and that a meeting with members of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain is scheduled for next month. In the letter sent to those invited to these events, reference is made to "three separate projects" that are already in development. Could it be that NATO countries are once again preparing for yet another gory staging? In the style, say, of the production mounted in Bucha in April 2022? Western "political pilgrims" continue to flock there, pretending not to notice the objectively verifiable inconsistencies in the version of events that they and the Ukrainians are promoting with regard to the "massacre" allegedly perpetrated by Russia.

But there is no getting away from the facts. The armed forces of the Russian Federation were present in Bucha from 3 to 30 March 2022 and were withdrawn as a gesture of goodwill following a further round of talks that took place in Istanbul. While the town was under their control, residents moved about freely and enjoyed mobile network coverage; exits from the town were not blocked. Throughout this period, the town was shelled by the rocket artillery of the Ukrainian armed forces, resulting in casualties among the local

civilian population. On 31 March, a video address was posted by the mayor, Anatolii Fedoruk, in which he announced the “liberation of Bucha” and confirmed that there were no Russian troops in the town, but made no mention whatsoever of any corpses in the streets, killings of civilians by Russian military personnel or makeshift graves.

On 1 April, Kateryna Ukraintseva, a member of the Bucha town council, posted a video in which she warned that members of the Security Service of Ukraine had entered the town and were conducting a “clearing” operation; she urged her fellow townsfolk to exercise the utmost caution. Video highlights of these “clearing” measures were published by the National Police of Ukraine on 2 April. No bodies are visible in the streets in the footage from that video, nor are they mentioned in the interviews that the National Guard of Ukraine conducted with local residents.

For four days following the withdrawal of Russian troops from the town, there was no evidence whatsoever of any “atrocities”. Photographs of bodies in civilian clothes began to appear only after the Ukrainian security forces, nationalist battalions and territorial defence units, and the Western media, entered the town.

The bodies in the photographs and videos disseminated by the Western media were captured from exactly the same angles. It is claimed that the bodies had been lying in the streets of Bucha since mid-March, yet they show no signs of the extensive decomposition that would inevitably occur under such conditions. Furthermore, in a number of cases, the extent of the post-mortem changes varies from one part of the same face to another, which would be impossible if the body were lying outdoors in a homogeneous environment.

The bodies in the footage are noticeably soiled, as it had rained heavily for some days, whereas the fabric used to bind their hands is immaculately clean, supporting the version of events in which their hands had been bound immediately prior to photographing. Moreover, in a number of cases, the soil found in large amounts on clothing and exposed body areas does not match the soil composition and coverage in the location where the bodies were found; there are signs that the bodies had been dragged about.

Many of the deceased had white fabric tied around an arm or leg. White fabric was used by the Russian armed forces to identify those friendly to them. In contrast to the strips used to bind the hands of the deceased, these pieces of white fabric were heavily soiled, indicating that they had been on the deceased at the time of their death. It is also known that the Ukrainian armed forces used blue fabric to identify their supporters.

By the way, Serhii Korotkikh, a neo-Nazi who commanded the Ukrainian territorial defence units that entered Bucha following the withdrawal of Russian troops, posted a video in which members of his unit discuss whether they should shoot people not wearing blue armbands. In the video, they are ordered to shoot.

To cement the brazen lie about what took place in Bucha four years ago, the Zelensky regime has erected a memorial complex there, one element of which consists of plaques bearing the names of the “victims”. But all these “stage props” cannot undo reality. Nor can the attempts to manipulate the facts of what happened – attempts reflected in the reports by international humanitarian organizations that the members of several Western delegations at the FSC are so fond of. Judge for yourselves. The report published in December 2022 by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the alleged mistreatment of the civilian population in Ukraine simply does not stand up to scrutiny. The only source used in its preparation was the Facebook page of the Main Department of the National Police in the Kyiv region; however, the weblinks cited in the report no longer work, as their content

has been blocked or deleted. The death toll given in that screed also varies, ranging from 1,365 to 21 people. Is an “uncertainty” level of more than 1,000 people not concerning?

At the same time, there has as yet been no response to the numerous requests sent by Russia to international organizations, including requests addressed to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk, or to the official requests transmitted to the United Nations on 9 September and 14 November 2024, and on 23 January and 1 April 2025, from the Prosecutor General’s Office and the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation asking for concrete information to be provided to us on the alleged crimes committed by Russian military personnel so that a corresponding investigation can be conducted. International officials are dodging a meaningful discussion on the substance of the issues raised, resorting instead to bureaucratic casuistry. This once again confirms that the Ukrainian organizers of the horrendous staged event in Bucha have something to hide, as do their Western patrons.

Why are we talking about this today? Because, while a real possibility exists of ending the conflict if its root causes are addressed, while humanitarian initiatives are being pursued by the leaders of Russia and the United States, NATO representatives are holding meetings with sundry film-makers that could have potentially devastating consequences. Just as the staged incident in Bucha was previously used by certain Alliance countries to prevent peace from being established, to “perpetuate” the conflict and pressure other Western allies into supplying weapons to Ukraine.

Our interlocutors here would do well to memorize the words of a well-known statesman: “You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.” Staged events, no matter how long they continue to be put on, will not work. It is time to play fair, not by some “rules” worthy of a card sharp, but in accordance with international law. The sooner everyone realizes that there is no alternative to the objective historical processes whereby a multipolar world is taking shape on the basis of respect for the principle of the sovereign equality of States, which is fundamental to the Charter of the United Nations and the global order as a whole, the better all round.

In the meantime, given that the security of Russia and its citizens are faced with ongoing threats, the operational and tactical aircraft, unmanned combat aerial vehicles, missile troops and artillery of the Russian armed forces’ force groupings continue to strike military airfields, ammunition and fuel depots, and temporary bases of the Ukrainian armed forces and foreign mercenaries. Since October 2023, at least 9,961 square kilometres of territory in the zone of the special military operation have come under the control of the armed forces of the Russian Federation. It goes without saying that continuation of the hostilities will merely leave the Kyiv regime worse off. The goals for the sake of which the Russian Federation was compelled to launch the special military operation will be achieved.

Thank you for your attention.