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**STATEMENT IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY BY
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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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On Ukraine

Once again, I am obliged to take the floor in exercise of my right of reply in order to bring to the attention of the members of the Permanent Council a true picture of front-line developments and of the Kyiv regime's crimes against the civilian population. I will read out a brief summary; the full text of our statement will be distributed later.

Our Western opponents keep on stubbornly circulating claims about a "counteroffensive" and the "successes" of the Ukrainian armed forces, but the facts tell a different story.

The Russian army continues to advance steadily along the entire line of engagement. The situation around the city of Konstantinovka, which is a crucial link in the Slavyansk-Kramatorsk fortified area and the last stronghold of the Ukrainian armed forces in Donbass, is most telling. Over the past 24 hours alone, Russian troops have taken control of 128 buildings in Konstantinovka; the enemy has effectively already lost control of a multi-thousand-strong grouping, communications between its units have been cut off, and attempts to break out of the city are being thwarted by the Russian military.

The situation looks so bleak for the Ukrainian armed forces that the enemy is no longer even trying to turn things around on the battlefield. The Kyiv regime and its sponsors now have a different objective, namely to create an "information victory" by hushing up the real situation on the front line and exaggerating the consequences of the strikes against targets on Russian territory. At the same time, while demonstrating their anti-human, neo-Nazi nature, the authorities in Kyiv are celebrating in the media outlets they control the death of every Russian national killed, even if they are women or children.

The deliberate terrorist attack by a Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) on a passenger bus carrying Belarusian children from Homiel to Gelendzhik on holiday was a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law. The direct UAV strike claimed the life of a woman accompanying the children; a further eight people were injured, including six children. A week ago in this room, during a session of the Annual Security Review Conference, we, together with our Belarusian colleagues, expressed our views on this inhumane act. The only ones to remain silent on this matter were our Western colleagues, who in other situations shamelessly exploit the topic of children for their own political interests, making up and pushing various tall tales and fake stories about Russia's actions. But when Ukraine targets children and kills them,

as happened at the Starobelsk college dormitory on 22 May, there is not a single word about this from Western pseudo-humanitarians.

As the Russian Investigative Committee has established, Robert Brovdi, commander of the Unmanned Systems Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and Oleh Ivashchenko, chief of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence, were involved in the attack on the bus carrying Belarusian children. According to the Committee, they provided target guidance and gave the order to attack. The actual perpetrators were Ukrainian servicemen Dmytro Tkachenko, Ihor Zhukov and Vladyslav Naum. Each of these Ukrainian killers, and those in the West who placed the weapons in their hands, will face the inevitable punishment they deserve.

All in all, the Ukrainian Nazis' artillery, missile and drone attacks claimed more than 290 civilian casualties over the past week: 250 people were injured, including 20 minors, and 41 people were killed, including one minor.

Four civilians were killed and 28 people, including two children, were injured as a result of a UAV attack on the Kerch Peninsula.

Seventeen civilians, including two children, were hurt as a result of a Ukrainian drone raid on the Moscow region.

A civilian woman was killed and eight people, including six children, were injured when a drone struck a passenger bus in the Bryansk region.

Six civilians, including a 13-year-old girl, were hurt as a result of a Ukrainian UAV raid on the Moscow region.

Three civilians were killed and three people, including a one-year-old child, were injured following a massive drone attack on the Tula region.

Three farm machinery operators were killed while carrying out agricultural work as a result of a drone strike near the settlement of Selishche in the Bryansk region.

An eight-year-old girl was killed as a result of a Ukrainian UAV attack in Ramenskoye in the Moscow region.

A 79-year-old woman was killed when a drone struck a house in the Sevsky district of the Bryansk region.

A young woman and her three-year-old daughter were hurt in a drone attack in Svatovo (Lugansk People's Republic).

Two children were injured as a result of a drone strike on a civilian car in the village of Churovichi in the Bryansk region.

An 11-year-old boy was injured in a UAV attack in Trubchevsk in the Bryansk region.

Three members of an ambulance crew were hurt when a drone struck their ambulance in the village of Kvetun in the Bryansk region.

An 82-year-old civilian was injured as a result of a UAV attack in Lisichansk (Lugansk People's Republic).

In total, Ukrainian armed formations fired more than 4,800 munitions at civilian objects on Russian territory over the past seven days.

In response to terrorist artillery, missile and drone attacks by the Ukrainian armed forces, the armed forces of the Russian Federation are striking military and military-industrial facilities in Ukraine, using long-range precision weapons. There have been a great many strikes on such targets, including those located in residential areas in violation of the basic norms of international humanitarian law; these incidents are being widely discussed by social media users, who are astounded by the inhumanity of Zelenskyy and his clique, ready as they are to sacrifice any Ukrainians in the interests of the West's geopolitical agenda.

For example, in the early hours of 15 June, a strike was carried out against Kyiv's Radar plant, which develops and manufactures components for long-range UAVs and produces and repairs military radar systems; a workshop, located on the premises of the Dovzhenko Film Studios, where long- and medium-range drones are manufactured and prepared for operational use; Bezpilotni Tekhnologii (unmanned technologies), a company engaged in the semi knock-down assembly of unmanned combat aerial vehicles using foreign components; the Mayak plant, which produces warheads for UAVs and launch boosters for Flamingo cruise missiles; Kyiv's Burevisnyk plant, a State-owned enterprise that manufactures long- and medium-range drones and radar equipment for the Ukrainian armed forces; Ukr Armo Tech, a company that assembles warheads for UAVs and various types of missiles; the Kyiv Aggregate Plant and Civil Aviation Aircraft Repair Plant No. 410, which manufacture aircraft and aerospace vehicles and produce and repair aviation turbojet engines and components for UAVs; the Nova Poshta Kyiv Innovation Terminal, which is involved in the delivery and storage of dual-use items for the manufacture of UAVs and robotic systems; the Dnipro Electrical and Mechanical Equipment Plant, along with industrial enterprises in Kharkov – Greenhouse Solution and DT-1 Group – which assemble warheads for drones and missiles. In addition, strikes were carried out on the military airfields at Vasylykiv, Uman, Cherkasy and Krasna Slobidka, as well as on territorial recruitment centres in Kyiv.

The move that attracted the most attention last week was the establishment of a workshop for the assembly and calibration of UAVs on the premises of the Dovzhenko Film Studios; there are also reports of cultural heritage sites being used for military purposes, as evidenced by the prolonged detonation of explosives after these sites were hit. Under Article 58 of Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions, the parties to a conflict are obliged to avoid locating military objectives near densely populated areas and to protect the civilian population against the dangers resulting from military operations. The Ukrainian authorities are blatantly flouting these rules, thereby turning civilian infrastructure into military targets. The secondary explosions recorded following the strike on the film studios' premises confirm the presence of military components there – explosives or warheads for drones. The Ukrainian media, and later the film studios' management, to all intents and purposes revealed this workshop's location by publishing photographs and video footage taken on the studios' premises. That is precisely why the strike on this facility, which has become a military target, is entirely lawful and justified from the point of view of international law.

At the same time, the authorities in Kyiv attempted to accuse the Russian military of attacking civilian objects – in particular, the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra – and to inflate this into a major scandal. But Zelenskyy's ploy failed: video footage shows that this site, which is sacred to all Orthodox Christians, was struck by a missile from the US-made Patriot surface-to-air missile system. It is a pity that several of our colleagues in this room keep on promoting the Kyiv regime's false narratives in defiance of the facts. Terrorist attacks on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant (NPP), Europe's largest nuclear power station, are

also continuing. For example, on 18 and 19 June, the Ukrainian armed forces launched a series of drone strikes on the transport workshop at the Zaporizhzhia NPP. At least 14 strikes were recorded, and around twenty pieces of equipment were damaged. One section caught fire as a result of the attack. Since the start of the year, two employees have been killed and six injured at the Zaporizhzhia NPP. Three civilians were hurt during the shelling of Energodar. The International Atomic Energy Agency has confirmed that the plant has been completely cut off from its external power supply. Such recklessness, as we have repeatedly stressed, threatens to have catastrophic radiological consequences for the whole of Europe.

In short, the picture of what is happening remains unchanged – the Kyiv regime is actively participating in NATO's and the European Union's hybrid war against Russia, a subject we shall discuss in detail a little later; it is happily carrying out terrorist attacks and killing civilians, provoking a new nuclear catastrophe in the heart of Europe, while in this room, the regime's sponsors are attempting to pass off these terrorist actions as legitimate self-defence. In doing so, they are merely persuading us that the outcome of the special military operation must be the complete destruction of the criminal authorities in Kyiv and the eradication of the causes that led to the most acute crisis of European security. This is precisely what we are engaged in right now.

Thank you for your attention.