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on propaganda performance under the title "Militarisation of Europe: What Next?"

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Agenda Item 1, General Statements

Mr. Chairperson,

The cynicism is staggering. The country responsible for the largest war of aggression in Europe since the Second World War now accuses others of militarisation.

Europe did not invade Russia. Russia invaded Ukraine.

Russia cannot "set neighbour's house on fire and then accuse the firefighters of escalating the situation".

Europe is strengthening its defences because of Russia's aggression, not the other way around.

If Moscow is so concerned about European security, it should start by ending its own war of aggression.

Another point I would like to mention:

Russia accuses Europe of militarization, yet its federal military spending far exceeds that of any European country except Ukraine, which is defending against Russian aggression. Military spending as a share of federal outlays rose from 24% in 2022 to 38% in the 2025 revised budget. The 2027 draft budget allocates 35% of federal spending to a single chapter, "National Defense." These figures come from open sources.

Ukraine spends to defend its people and territory; Moscow is increasing spending to wage the war it started. Russian civilians pay the price: inflation-adjusted social spending in 2026 is only two-thirds of the 2020 level.

Is the state preparing to end the war or to continue and possibly expand it? The numbers speak for themselves.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.