

Statement of the Russian delegation in exercise of the right of reply to the statement of the delegation of EU speaking on behalf of EU member states and Azerbaijan, Georgia, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine

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Thank you, Madam Co-Chair.

We have taken the floor in order to respond to the statement made by the delegations of EU on behalf of group of countries, including Ukraine which was not present at this meeting. Taking in consideration that this is a fully in-person meeting, we consider this as a violation of the established norms.

We stress that we have to answer to allegations which have nothing to do with the agenda under consideration.

The EU countries, Canada, USA and their allies are not in a position to lecture anyone on unprovoked aggression. They have a serious historic background of inhumane, brutal and unjustified military invasions to more than 30 countries for the last 70 years which caused loss of millions of human lives globally.

We are convinced that the Ukrainian masters understand that current events are the direct consequence of the rusophobic policy of the Kiev regime which came to power as a result of an anticonstitutional violent coup d'état in Kiev in 2014 actively supported by western countries.

The conflict in Ukraine started not one year ago but 9 years back when ultranationalists came to power and immediately started the ethnic cleansing against Russians. None of the western countries ever condemned Ukrainian neo-Nazis who burned alive more than 50 civilians in Odessa on May 2, 2014 only because they were Russians. The names of those who were behind the massacre are well known and none of them were ever called to justice.

I recommend those who accuse us today of «aggression» to open Youtube and see the video made in the House of trade unions in Odessa on May 2, 2014.

Thousands of people were killed or disappeared without any traces for all these long years. In Donbas region alone, more than 15 thousand people including children were killed. After exhausting all possibilities for a peaceful

solution of the conflict, Russia started the Special military operation to save ethnic Russians from extermination unleashed by the ultranationalists of the Kiev regime. And let me assure you the aims of the operation will be achieved.

If Western countries really want to stop the bloodshed in Ukraine, they have to stop supplies of arms and ammunitions to the ultranationalist Kiev regime which sends thousands of untrained people to the battlefield simply to find their death.

Thank you!