

**Chairmanship: Belarus**

**1015th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 22 June 2022 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10 a.m.  
Closed: 11.05 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Dapkiunas

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Current security situation in the OSCE area*: United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/245/22 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/246/22 OSCE+), Canada, Russian Federation (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/248/22/Add.1), Belarus (FSC.DEL/249/22 Restr.), Switzerland (FSC.DEL/244/22 OSCE+), France-European Union (FSC.DEL/247/22), Romania (Annex 2)

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *2022 OSCE report for the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons and its International Tracing Instrument, covering the period 2020–2021 (SEC.GAL/78/22)*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) *Matters of protocol*: Switzerland, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

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**1015th Plenary Meeting**

FSC Journal No. 1021, Agenda item 1

**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

The Day of Remembrance and Sorrow is being marked in the Russian Federation today. On 22 June 1941, Nazi Germany and its European satellites attacked the USSR without declaring war. The attempt to appease the aggressor on the eve of the Great Patriotic War turned out to be a mistake that cost our people dearly. The enemy was thoroughly defeated, but at a colossal price – 27 million Soviet citizens laid down their lives in the fight to liberate their native land and all of Europe from the “brown plague”. We hold their memory sacred.

We note with regret that history, if it is deliberately distorted or consigned to oblivion, tends to repeat itself. Eighty-one years later, those who aspire to world domination openly and without any justification declared Russia the enemy. In order to achieve their own geopolitical goals, they have supported in every way the rabid nationalists and radicals in Ukraine, descendants of the Nazi henchmen Bandera and Shukhevych, who nurtured the idea of seizing territories of the Russian Federation – Crimea and Sevastopol – by force and who made plans to coerce Donbas into accepting their will through a large-scale military offensive planned for early March. The Ukrainian Government had no intention of implementing the Minsk agreements. The aim was to “buy time” and “bolster the army”. Former President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko has spoken openly about this.

The special military operation announced by the President of the Russian Federation on 24 February to protect the people of Donbas and to demilitarize and denazify Ukraine put paid to those criminal plans. The operation is being carried out in full compliance with international law and has the broad support of the citizens of our country. Russia will do everything possible to ensure that the punitive gangs of Ukrainian nationalists, operating like Hitler’s accomplices during the Great Patriotic War, stop the eight-year-long killing of the defenceless people of Donbas under the Nazi slogans “the Russians must die so that we can live”.

It is very difficult for the States of the “civilized” West to come to terms with the fact that Russia has its own national security interests, and it will consistently defend them. That is why the capitals of NATO member countries have decided to supply Ukraine with

advanced weapons capable of striking deep into our territory. This signals their willingness to risk escalation with the Russian Federation, whereby officials of the NATO countries and Western media are already openly engaged in warmongering.

As recently as last week, an unnamed State Department official told *The Washington Post* that the US authorities had been discussing the possibility of a protracted conflict with global implications even before the Russian special military operation began. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg's call to prepare for the fact that the hostilities in Ukraine could last several years is in keeping with this logic. The veil of plans of a so-called defensive NATO was also lifted by the new Chief of the General Staff of the British Army, General Patrick Sanders (I quote): "[t]here is now a burning imperative to forge an Army capable of fighting alongside our allies and defeating Russia in battle. We are the generation that must prepare the Army to fight in Europe once again" (end of quote). His colleague, German Air Force Commander Ingo Gerhartz, recommended that NATO "prepare for the use of nuclear weapons well in advance, as an emergency situation could arise at any time". Lastly, the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte, called the situation in Ukraine "our war". It is now clear who is directly responsible for prolonging the armed violence in Ukraine and stirring up confrontation on the European continent. We urge them to come to their senses and refrain from rhetoric or actions that could deal a blow to the Charter of the United Nations.

Russians have a long memory. We recall that most of the wars on our land have come from the West. Russia did not start these wars, but it finished them as already mentioned, sometimes liberating a significant part of Europe from enslavement at great cost. The Russian Federation will continue to take all the necessary steps to counter risks and threats to our security and that of our allies.

Mr. Chairperson,

The outcome of the meeting of NATO defence ministers on 15 and 16 June showed that the transatlantic propaganda machine, which intimidates Europeans with a mythical threat from the East, has started working with renewed vigour. The essence of NATO's militaristic propaganda is clear – to prepare the ground for weakening Russia (and we assure you that it will not succeed), to justify an arms race and unrestrained growth of military expenditure so as to achieve military superiority (and this expenditure already exceeds the Russian military budget by more than 20 times) and to lay the material foundations for the limitless desire of influential circles in the United States of America to implement their expansionist plans, with the idea of world domination at the centre of them. The US Government and the European Commission would do better to keep an eye on their charges and assess the possible consequences of their plans – Polish President Andrzej Duda has already warned that "there will soon be no borders between Poland and Ukraine".

Last week, at a meeting of the so-called Ukraine Defense Contact Group, "pacifists" from among the NATO member countries decided to continue to pump the Kyiv regime with weapons, which will inevitably lead to further civilian casualties. Here, at the Forum for Security Co-operation, Western OSCE participating States regularly tell us that their shipments of military goods are legitimate and justified. Take a look for yourselves: your weapons are being used on a daily basis against women, children, the elderly, schools, kindergartens and high-rise residential buildings. Between 15 and 21 June alone, in the

Donetsk People's Republic (DPR), 24 civilians were killed, 62 were injured, and at least 217 buildings and over 60 civilian infrastructure facilities were damaged or destroyed. In the Luhansk People's Republic (LPR), seven Luhansk residents were killed, 18 were injured, and more than 70 buildings were damaged.

The people of Europe cannot find out about this because Western functionaries have imposed total censorship on reporting that could discredit them. But how would the French react if they learned that Ukrainian neo-Nazis were using French-supplied CAESAR self-propelled artillery systems to target densely populated neighbourhoods in Donetsk? Are the citizens of the United States and Canada aware that their governments are supplying M777 howitzers for the genocide of the Russian-speaking people of Donbas? We have still not heard a reaction from the Western OSCE participating States to the consequences of the massive shelling by the Ukrainian armed forces on 13 June of the Maisky market and a maternity hospital in the city of Donetsk using 155 mm artillery in service in the NATO countries. We demand official assessments of what happened.

Mr. Chairperson,

The propaganda campaign of the NATO countries is being carried out under different flags and pretexts. They are, of course, well aware that they are deliberately spreading lies about the special military operation. At the very beginning of April, the "civilized" West tried to accuse Russian military personnel of massacring civilians in Bucha. But the facts reliably pointed to a staged operation orchestrated by the Ukrainian and Western intelligence services. A week later, on 8 April, the Ukrainian armed forces struck the Kramatorsk railway station with a Tochka-U missile and again blamed our country for this. These insinuations were debunked even by Western journalists, who checked the serial number of the missile and established that it belonged to Ukraine. On 13 June, the Ukrainian side, with the resigned support of Western "yeasayers", blamed Russia for the shelling of central Donetsk with NATO shells. The German television channel ARD soon refuted this information, but the data on the dead and references to who had launched the shelling were removed from the corrected report. They preferred to simply hide the inconvenient truth.

Unfortunately, the Ukrainian "factory of lies" cultivated by the Western handlers is continuing its work. According to information from the Russian Ministry of Defence, this month in Mykolaiv, the Ukrainian intelligence services organized the preparation of video clips on the consequences of the shelling of private residences by the Russian armed forces. In Odessa, specialists from the 83rd Centre for Information and Psychological Operations of the Armed Forces of Ukraine carried out a staged filming of the results of a strike on a medical facility. The plan was then to disseminate the staged footage in the global media, accusing the Russian armed forces of indiscriminate strikes on civilian objects. All according to the templates of their Nazi predecessors – declassified documents<sup>1</sup> from the Great Patriotic War show that the German Nazis also staged provocations against the Red Army to create an image of "bloodthirsty barbarians".

Let us give you a specific example in this connection. In September 1943, the Nazis used residential stone buildings on the outskirts of Horlivka as machine-gun firing positions. Eight decades later, according to Ukrainian media reports, the US Department of Defense is

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1 For further details see: <https://disk.yandex.ru/d/5sOVzhvdFwx4Kg>.

recommending that the political and military leadership in Kyiv use Western artillery and multiple-launch rocket systems in cities against concentrated air defence groupings. The point is that Ukrainian neo-Nazis will be deploying legitimate military targets in residential areas of cities and shelling Donbas from there. But progress, as they say, does not stand still. Today, the Ukrainian nationalist battalion is being assisted by the “collective West” with intelligence to implement these tactics. It is well known that US companies, including Lockheed Martin, Boeing and SpaceX, are collecting both visual and radar data from space to provide Ukraine with the information it needs for missile guidance.

Mr. Chairperson,

The objectives for the special military operation set by the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, namely to protect Donbas and demilitarize and denazify Ukraine, will be accomplished.

It should be recalled that, at the Potsdam Conference in 1945, an agreement was signed to eradicate German militarism and Nazism. Denazification meant punishing Nazi criminals and abolishing the laws of the Third Reich that legalized discrimination on the basis of race, nationality, language, religion and political convictions. According to Nikolay Patrushev, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, just as in 1945, we are setting ourselves these objectives in liberating Ukraine from neo-Nazism.

As part of the demilitarization of Ukraine, 209 airplanes, 132 helicopters, 1,292 unmanned aerial vehicles, 348 anti-aircraft missile systems, 3,709 tanks and other armoured combat vehicles, 580 multiple-launch rocket systems, 2,065 field artillery pieces and mortars, and 3,760 special operations tactical vehicles have been destroyed since the start of the special military operation. The targeted destruction of Western weapons arriving in Ukraine continues. Last week, an ammunition depot containing foreign weapons systems, including 155 mm M777 howitzers, was eliminated near the city of Zolochiv in the Lviv region using Kalibr long-range precision missiles. Ten artillery pieces of this type and up to 20 armoured combat vehicles delivered over the past two weeks were destroyed on the territory of a transformer plant in the city of Mykolaiv. Yesterday, reports emerged of the elimination of two platoons of M777 howitzers and their ammunition on Kubansky Island. We stress once again: the armed forces of the Russian Federation will systematically destroy Western armaments arriving in Ukraine even before they enter the zone of hostilities. As for the captured Western military equipment and weapons, they will continue to be handed over to the relevant Russian institutes for study.

The Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation has published statistics on the presence of foreign mercenaries in Ukraine. According to the available data, the flow of “soldiers of fortune” into the zone of hostilities is petering out. Almost 7,000 people have arrived in Ukraine since the start of the special military operation, around 2,000 of them have been eliminated and more than 1,500 have left voluntarily. Last week, the Russian military captured two US mercenaries who had been fighting on the Ukrainian Government’s side. One of them is 39-year-old Alexander Druke, who previously served in the US Army’s Chemical Corps as a staff sergeant. For the benefit of our colleagues: the specialists of this unit know how to not only prevent, but also to organize chemical provocations, which have become the calling card of the US intelligence services. The Russian delegation has repeatedly pointed out that the threat of chemical terrorism by the fascistoid nationalists and

units of the Ukrainian armed forces remains all too real. The question as to the purpose of this US mercenary and chemical specialist's presence on the territory of Ukraine remains open.

The Russian side is continuing to analyse documents concerning US military biological activities in Ukraine. It has been revealed that neuromodulators capable of causing irreversible damage to the central nervous system were tested on socially disadvantaged Ukrainian citizens. US military biological project R-268 in Ukraine involved the study of viruses capable of infecting mosquitoes that are disease vectors. It is also noteworthy that US funding of Ukrainian projects since 2015 has been linked to a spike in infectious diseases in the DPR and the LPR, including an almost tenfold increase in tularaemia. Granted, tularaemia is regarded by NATO as a priority bioagent, which was used, among other things, during the Alliance's troop exercises at training grounds in Sweden in 2012. Thus, we are obtaining more and more evidence that the United States has been covertly carrying out dangerous military biological activities in circumvention of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention. At the same time, Ukraine was given a convenient role as a base for conducting trials, collecting biological materials and studying the specifics of the spread of infectious diseases.

To sum up, we should like to stress that the Russian Federation's unconditional priority remains the restoration of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations on the territory of Donbas and Ukraine. Our task is to bring to an end the hostilities launched by the Ukrainian Government eight years ago. Additionally, through this special military operation, Russia is exercising its right to self-defence against a regime that has sought to acquire nuclear weapons and has made its territory available for dangerous military biological experiments. We are therefore ensuring the implementation of a key task of international peace and security, namely to prevent a new world war.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF ROMANIA**

Mr. Chairperson,

First of all, let me state that our position on the Russian aggression against Ukraine was clearly expressed, in our behalf, by the European Union. We fully align with the statement, and let me make some brief remarks in national capacity, in reaction to the statements by the United Kingdom and Canada.

Most recent events after Russia started the war against Ukraine show clearly that the incident in 23 June 2021, involving HMS Defender, referred to by our UK colleague, was among the first serious attempts, employing the use of force and aiming against the freedom of navigation.

Of course, one must not forget the fact that the Russian Federation decided to proclaim dangerous military areas in the Black Sea starting with April 2021. As littoral country to the Black Sea, Romania is worried about the larger implications of the Russian military aggression in the Black Sea. The militarization of Crimea which started shortly after the peninsula was illegally annexed was the first step in a larger plan of the aggression. Nowadays we see that the Serpents' Island is a military outpost used for actions against the freedom of navigation.

The actions Russia is undertaking against Ukraine in the Black Sea have significant consequences at international level particularly in the field of the food security.

As a relevant part of the solution to the food insecurity situation generated by Russia, Romania is actively involved in the efforts to facilitate the transit of grain exports from Ukraine and acts as a regional hub for Ukrainian grain.

I would kindly ask this statement to be attached to the journal of the day.