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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO
THE OPCW AT THE 100TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
IN EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY**

Regrettably, we are once again forced to address a flagrant violation of the rules of procedure of our work by a number of delegations attempting to force a discussion of the political situation in Ukraine. This issue does not have anything to do with the mandate or the authorities of the OPCW. We also call upon the representatives of certain countries allowing themselves to make unacceptable claims regarding the heads of other States to instead adhere to the norms of diplomatic decorum.

It is surprising that the accusations being made against us regarding the alleged violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations are primarily coming from countries that either stirred up or supported armed aggressions against Yugoslavia, Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Afghanistan. Moreover, these countries are essentially party to an armed conflict, as they are providing Ukraine with billions of dollars and euros in military aid, intelligence for targeting purposes, and sending military instructors and contractors to participate directly in military operations in violation of the standards of international law. Their leadership dreams of Russia's military defeat. They are the ones—while accusing us of disinformation—leading an endless, massive campaign of lies aimed at demonizing Russia in order to maintain the unipolar so-called “rules-based play” that they have forced onto the entire world.

One wonders why none of them mentioned the victims among the people of Donbass in their statements—14,000 peaceful civilians killed from shelling by Ukrainian nationalists, including an enormous number of children who are memorialised in the Alley of Angels in Donetsk? Why does no one speak of the people who were burned alive by Nazis in the Trade Unions House in Odessa?

Why did the Ukrainian Permanent Representative, in his blistering statement, fail to mention, for example, what took place in Kramatorsk: the explosion of missiles outside of a train station, resulting in the deaths of at least 70 people? No one among Kiev's Western sponsors even mentions this matter, even though at the time, the “free” media was flooded with outcries of righteous indignation. The answer is simple: the remnants of the missiles found in Kramatorsk clearly showed a serial number that left no doubt whatsoever that it belonged to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

There is a huge amount of other examples of disinformation, the circulation of which is made possible by over 150 PR agents active in the West who are engaged in disruptive information efforts. Right now, with their help, more and more new provocations are being prepared in Ukraine.



We believe that the statement by the European Union asserting that the Russian Federation is attempting to exert pressure on the Technical Secretariat for its own selfish interests is unacceptable. If anyone is prone to instilling fear into the leadership of the Secretariat, it is definitely not us. We would like to refresh our colleagues' memories regarding the tactics used by our—if I may refer to them as such—American friends.

“You have 24 hours to leave the Organisation. If you don't agree with our decision, then we have ways to punish you. We know where your children live. You have two sons in New York.” This sounds like something out of a Hollywood action movie. But it's not. I just quoted the words of one high-ranking American bureaucrat who was recently luxuriating in the glorious rays of Washington's Olympus, addressing Mr Bustani, the former Director-General of the OPCW Technical Secretariat, about which a Brazilian diplomat later informed journalists. This is how Washington behaved with the leader of an international organisation, taking advantage of the respect and support of its colleagues, after unanimously re-electing him to his post two years prior. I will not get into the details of the listening devices that Mr Bustani discovered in his office when the head of the OPCW security team was an American citizen.

We would recall that the reason for this wild behaviour was dissatisfaction with the efforts of the Director-General of the OPCW Technical Secretariat to establish a dialogue with Iraq, which could have deprived the United States of an official reason to invade an independent country under a false pretext and replace the government there.

We would suggest that the Ambassador of the Czech Republic, and everyone backing it, refrain from throwing accusations at us in the future, when it has long been time to call out their American partners.

We request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the 100th Session of the Council and published on the Catalyst platform and the OPCW website.

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