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CONCEPT NOTE

UN SECURITY COUNCIL ARRIA-FORMULA MEETING

"DISINFORMATION AND SABOTAGE OF PEACE IN UKRAINE"

Date: 2 April 2025
Time: 3 pm
Venue: ECOSOC Chamber
Participation: All UN Member States, Permanent Observers, UN entities, civil society organizations and press are invited

The meeting will be held in all UN official languages and is intended to be webcast on UN WebTV.

Background and Objective:

The Ukrainian crisis has been characterized by major disinformation campaign conducted by the Kiev regime and its backers. They were numerous and malicious, but one of the false-flag operations has become a perennial symbol of lie and the most disgusting acts ever committed since the times of Goebbels propaganda stunts in Nazi Germany. This is of course the infamous Bucha provocation, which was instrumental to derail the peace agreements reached during the Istanbul negotiations.

The Bucha hoax which happened exactly 3 years ago was ultimately also used as a pretext to undermine any future dialogue with the Russian Federation purported to finding a way for peace. It was also exploited to the fullest to manipulate public opinion despite clear discrepancies in the narrative on the circumstances of this obvious set-up promoted by Kiev and its backers. As a direct result Ukraine walked away from

a solution which now seems an unattainable dream to the Ukrainians who were forced to fight for the corrupt Kiev regime for Western geopolitical interests.

The absurdity of claims put forward against the Russian Federation becomes even more obvious as the UN Secretary-General is not capable of getting the list of victims whose corpses were found in Bucha which is necessary for any impartial investigation of those events.

Moreover, the Russian law enforcement agencies made an official request for cooperation to the UN Secretariat on 9 September 2024 following the claims by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mr. Volker Türk that there were specific violations by the Russian Federation based on information gathered in the course of the office's field visits to Bucha. The UN has a longstanding practice of treating such requests from Member States with the utmost respect, providing requested information without delay. However, in this case, the request remains unanswered for six months already, proving that in reality the Secretariat is not in possession of any "documented violations". Such engagement of some UN officials in dissemination of fakes, along with ignoring the Security Council resolution 2774 calling for peace is a clear breach of the UN Charter.

The Bucha hoax looks particularly blasphemous against the backdrop of brutal crimes and clear violations of the IHL committed by the Ukrainian nationalists in the Kursk region of the Russian Federation which has been almost completely liberated in the course of March. We have hundreds of accounts of those who became victims of the crimes of Ukrainian Army.

The aim of our Arria-formula meeting is to recall the circumstances of the Bucha hoax as well as to give the members of the Council an opportunity to get a first-hand information on the crimes of the Kiev regime committed in the Kursk region.

Key objectives:

- to expose Ukrainian and EU disinformation used to derail peace efforts;

- to provide a platform for eyewitnesses and experts who can shed light on what really happened in Bucha and during other provocations of Kiev regime and its allies;

- to analyze the role of Western and Ukrainian media in spreading fakes and fabricated claims;

- to address biased approaches of international organizations and their officials, as well as lack of cooperation with competent authorities of Member States;

- to promote accountability for disinformation.

Program:

Opening remarks:

– **H.E. Mr. Vassily Nebenzia**, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations;

Briefers (VTC):

– TBC

Discussion:

– Statements by UN Security Council members and other UN Member States as time permits, Q&A. Interventions are suggested to be limited to 3 minutes.

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