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DPR FOREIGN MINISTER: KIEV SHOULD NOT MAKE “DISCLOSURES”, BUT FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE MINSK AGREEMENTS

The Ukrainian authorities demonstrate a great attention to the Russian Donbass forum: more than a week has passed since its holding, but the inhabitants of Kiev offices are still actively discussing and commenting on it. Of course, we are flattered by such an interest in Donbass events. The only pity is that this interest of the Ukrainian political community is essentially nothing more than another reason to spread learned theses in the media space that have nothing to do with reality. Moreover, the hypocrisy of the Ukrainian authorities is striking: the "Russian Donbass" doctrine, which is essentially a scientific work and a reflection of society mood, is very worrying for them. But the bills on transitional justice and internment officially developed in Kiev, which not only contradict the Minsk agreements, but also violate the rights and freedoms of Donbass residents, do not bother the Ukrainian leadership at all.

At the same time, it is noteworthy that representatives of Ukraine, in particular, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, so often and everywhere speak out according to the manuals that sometimes by accident they themselves reveal the methods and tactics of provocations described in them. Mr. Kuleba claims that the Republics allegedly “shake the peace negotiations, but at the same time they disperse the narrative that “Ukraine is killing Minsk and Normandy”. But in fact, everything is exactly the opposite: both the Minsk and Normandy formats are being shaken by Kiev. Ukrainian leaders regularly call for either rewriting the Minsk agreements, or adding new participants to the Normandy Four, or openly ignoring the second side of the conflict - Donbass - and declaring that dialogue with us is impossible. And in all these obvious attempts to disrupt a peaceful settlement, either the Republics or the Russian Federation are accused.

The statements that Ukraine allegedly fulfilled all the instructions following the results of the Normandy Four summit in 2019 sound absolutely surreal. OSCE Chairperson Ann Linde, to whom Mr. Kuleba refers in this statement, during her visit to Donbass drew special attention to the fact that the ceasefire is not being observed. We recall that Ukraine thwarted measures to strengthen this regime in September last year, but to agree a new package of agreements, for which we call from time to time, the Ukrainian negotiators stubbornly refuse. Even with this order of the Normandy format, Kiev cannot cope with other blocks of the final communiqué of the Normandy Four

countries leaders, including the coordination of all legal aspects of the political settlement in accordance with the Package of measures.

In such circumstances, all further passages by Mr. Kuleba with accusations of blocking the negotiation process against the Russian Federation cannot be taken seriously. Firstly, because it is high time for the Ukrainian authorities to understand that Russia is not a party, but a mediator in negotiations, therefore, to accuse it of allegedly failing to fulfill some obligations that this state does not have is the highest level of senselessness and absurdity. And secondly, because with each meeting of the Contact group that was disrupted due to the fault of Kiev, it becomes more and more clear to everyone interested in the course of the Minsk process that the games and provocations that Kuleba is talking about are a very accurate description of Ukraine's approach to a peaceful settlement. In this sense, such media revelations of Ukrainian leaders are perceived not as "great disclosures", but rather as an illustration to the proverb "He who smelt it dealt it."

KIEV SAYS AND DOES EVERYTHING TO FURTHER WIDEN THE GAP BETWEEN DONBASS AND UKRAINE - NATALIA NIKONOROVA

The statements of the Ukrainian Minister for "reintegration" Alexey Reznikov and the steps he is taking strengthen us in the idea that, in fact, the purpose of his department's activities is not the reintegration of Donbass, but further deepening the already huge gap between the Republics and Ukraine.

First, it is the ministry headed by Mr. Reznikov that is responsible for development of the draft law on the so-called "transition period". This strange idea was promoted on the Minsk site for a long time, and every time we voiced to the representatives of Kiev a clear and understandable fact for everyone who got acquainted with the Package of Measures: the idea has nothing to do with this document and, in essence, violates the rights of Donbass residents. This draft law completely ignores the foundation of a political settlement, namely the granting of a special status to Donbass and its consolidation in the Constitution on a permanent basis, restricts the right of Donbass residents to travel, introduces the concept of lustration in relation to residents of the Republics and significant restrictions on civil and political rights, and so on. Once again, we draw the attention of Kiev: if this bill is adopted, it will mean Ukraine's withdrawal from the Minsk process with all consequences.

Secondly, we were amazed by the reaction of Mr. Reznikov regarding the vaccination of Donbass residents as a way to protect them against coronavirus infection. In the context of an almost seven-year humanitarian blockade by Ukraine, the Republics with great gratitude perceive Russia's willingness to help with the supply of vaccines, drugs and medicines for the treatment and prevention of coronavirus. However, instead of welcoming such humanitarian support from Russia to Donbass residents or offering their own options for help, the Ukrainian authorities lavish comments that the vaccine supplied by the Russian Federation is allegedly uncertified and its use is life-threatening.

In this regard, we can say the following: in Kiev, it is considered a good tradition to make any statements without first getting acquainted with the topic and without checking the adequacy and veracity of the information voiced. In this regard, we recommend that

Mr. Reznikov raise his awareness of this issue by reading the relevant literature. And knowing his distrust of everything Russian, we first of all advise him to read the conclusions about the Sputnik V vaccine safety in one of the most famous, oldest and most authoritative general journals on medicine in Europe – “The Lancet”.

We would also like to draw the attention of Mr. Reznikov to the fact that, in addition to his high ministerial position, he is also the deputy head of the Ukrainian delegation at the Minsk site. Therefore, if he really cares about the future of Donbass people, then it would be much more useful to focus on unblocking the peace talks, and not on the next stupid statements in the media.

NATALIA NIKONOROVA CONGRATULATED THE DPR REPRESENTATIVE CENTER IN VERONA ON THE TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDATION

Today, on February 8, a festive event dedicated to the two-year anniversary of the opening of the DPR Representative Center in Verona took place.

The event, which was held in the format of a video conference, was attended by DPR Foreign Minister Natalia Nikonorova, Italian MP Vito Comencini, Ambassador of the Republic of South Ossetia to Italy Mauro Murgia, President of the Regional Communications Committee of the Veneto region Gualtiero Mazzi, head of the DPR Representative Center in Turin Eliseo Bertolasi, president of the association “Help us Save the Children” Ennio Bordato, geopolitical analyst of the publication “Controinformazione” Luciano Lago, representative of the “No War No NATO” committee Manlio Dinucci, President of the European “Veneto” Association Eduardo Rubini, directors and cultural figures Luca Belardi and Maya Nogradi, correspondent of the “Eurasia News” media Luca Pingitore.

The event was moderated by the head of the DPR Representative Center in Verona, Palmarino Zoccatelli.

Miss Nikonorova congratulated the like-minded people from Italy on this landmark event:

“Despite the difficult international situation and the ongoing pandemic, we are glad to have the opportunity to meet with you again, albeit in the form of a video conference. Especially on such a pleasant occasion, when we celebrate the two-year anniversary of the founding of the DPR Representative Center in Verona. You provide invaluable support to the residents of the DPR, aiding with truthful coverage of the events in the Donbass for all interested citizens of Italy and other European countries. Your enthusiasm, energy and diligent approach to this difficult task deserve the highest respect and appreciation.”

Natalia Nikonorova also spoke about the events in the Donetsk People’s Republic, the adoption of the “Russian Donbass” doctrine and the progress of the Minsk process, which at the moment remains essentially blocked due to Kiev’s fault. Miss Nikonorova also expressed hope that in the near future, our comrades from Italy and other foreign countries will have the opportunity to visit Donbass again.

Luciano Lago, Mauro Murgia, Manlio Dinucci, Luca Belardi, Maya Nogradi and Luca Pingitore also made welcoming remarks and their assessments of the events in Donbass and in the international arena in general.

At the end of the meeting, Palmarino Zoccatelli thanked all the guests for their participation and expressed confidence that the representatives of Donbass and Italy will be able to achieve even more significant results in cooperation.

DPR FOREIGN MINISTER: WE ARE NOT GOING ACCEPT CALLS FOR WAR FROM THE PEOPLE, WHO REPRESENT KIEV AT PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS

The head of the Ukrainian delegation on the Minsk site, during one of the Ukrainian TV channels broadcasting, in fact, directly called on the Ukrainian leadership to continue shelling the Republic's territory.

Mr. Kravchuk uses in his media speeches formulations that are far from generally accepted in the diplomatic environment in the style of "you just need to throw them out of Donbass", meaning, obviously, 4 million residents of Donbass. So he also cites absolutely unreliable information as arguments for the alleged non-fulfillment of the Minsk agreements by the Republics. Thus, Leonid Makarovich claims that the Republics are responsible for the recent deaths of the Ukrainian armed formations members. However, the real reason for their death was the detonation of their own mine, which is another evidence of chaos and irresponsibility in the ranks of the AFU.

We categorically do not accept the fact that the head of the delegation at the site for a PEACEFUL conflict settlement in Donbass allows himself to make statements in which he openly calls for war. And it is absolutely outrageous that these calls quite logically fit into the mainstream strategy that Ukraine is trying to push through in its recent projects. This is Kiev's version of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Package of Measures, which contradicts the Minsk Agreements by three quarters and provides for the introduction of Ukrainian troops into the territory of Donbass. This is a bill on internment, according to which camps for all disagreeable to the Ukrainian authorities persons should appear in Donbass, and a bill on a transitional period, which implies an even bigger violation of the civil and political rights of Republics' residents.

Thus, we see a rare case of synchronicity and consistency between what the representatives of Ukraine say and what they do in practice. But this coordinated unanimous activity is by no means aimed at achieving peace in Donbass, but at even greater escalation, violation of the Minsk agreements, defeat in the rights and freedoms of our residents and the consolidation of all this lawlessness at the legislative level by the Ukrainian parliament.

IT IS TIME FOR UKRAINE TO DECIDE WHETHER IT STAYS IN THE MINSK PROCESS OR OFFICIALLY LEAVES IT - NATALIA NIKONOROVA

The Ukrainian authorities set all records for the cynicism, aggressiveness and provocativeness of their public statements. In particular, the head of the Ukrainian

delegation at Minsk negotiations openly talks about Ukraine's intentions to use force against the residents of Donbass. Moreover, these statements are accompanied by appeals to the international community to support Kiev in its efforts to use "tough" methods.

With all these publicly expressed theses, as well as the explicitly voiced admission that "there is simply no truce and no one can pretend that it exists", the Ukrainian representatives in fact confirmed their final withdrawal from the agreement on measures to strengthen the ceasefire regime. More precisely, the Ukrainian party withdrew from these measures back in September 2020, but all this time it tried to show compliance with this agreement. But now, obviously, Kiev can no longer camouflage so many cases of the ceasefire violations by the Ukrainian armed formations.

Apparently, the representatives of Ukraine at Minsk platform, where the non-alternative peace plan should be implemented to resolve Donbass conflict, have only two arts of extreme rhetoric. They either do their best to pretend that they are observing the ceasefire, or openly call for escalation, because supposedly this is the only way to make the other side of the conflict more accommodating. Neither the first nor the second option has a hint that Ukraine is really interested in the resumption of peace through diplomatic negotiations.

Nevertheless, Mr. Kravchuk is in parts right: it is really time to start telling the truth, call white as white, and black as black. That is why we demand from Kiev in the very near future to finally decide on its further actions. Either Ukraine remains in the Minsk process and officially confirms its adherence to the Package of Measures at the level of the Verkhovna Rada and the President, or it officially declares its withdrawal from the peace agreements. And we are absolutely sure to inform that Kiev will not be able to maintain the status quo in a situation where the Ukrainian delegation head, who represents this country in the peace negotiations, begins to call for war.

DPR FOREIGN MINISTER: RUSSOPHOBIA CARRIES A PRICE OF SEPARATED DONBASS AND THE HEALTH OF MILLIONS OF UKRAINIANS

Not a day goes by without the media statements of the Ukraine's representatives, in which they demonstrate an increasingly shocking level of hypocrisy and cynicism towards Donbass residents.

The Ukrainian authorities after 7 years of shelling, humanitarian, economic, transport blockade and infringement of rights and freedoms suddenly decided to take care of our residents' health. And, apparently, it is within the framework of this concern that the Minister for Donbass "Reintegration" tells the media about "medical genocide" in the Republic, announcing figures that hardly correlate with the real situation.

Nevertheless, it is naive to assume that someone from the Ukrainian authorities is interested in the real state of affairs. They do not care about their own residents, who are now officially banned by the Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers from access to the globally recognized and approved by the international medical community Russian vaccine solely because of the policy of discrimination against everything Russian by Ukrainian leaders.

In such a situation, not Mr. Reznikov, but we are just have right to sound the alarm about the situation with the coronavirus spread and the health system in Ukraine in general. By the way, this state would have a real opportunity to help its own citizens by supplying an effective and safe Russian vaccine. But instead, the Ukrainian authorities prefer to continue the absurd politicization of the humanitarian sphere and the policy of anti-Russian prejudice. The price for such decisions is not only the separated Donbass, which no longer wants to be a part of this state, but the life and health of millions of Ukrainians. Therefore, we strongly recommend that Ukrainian officials, before talking with loud formulations and unverified data on the situation in Donbass, first have a sensible assessment of the consequences of their own managerial decisions in Ukraine.

NATALIA NIKONOROVA TOOK PART IN THE MEETING OF “LEGATUS” YOUTH DIPLOMACY CENTER STUDENTS

On February 11, the DPR Minister of Foreign Affairs Natalia Nikonorova met the students of the “Legatus” Youth Diplomacy Center.

The meeting dedicated to the main issues of Republic’s international agenda was held in the format of dialogue and informal communication between the DPR Foreign Minister and students.

Starting the event Natalia Nikonorova congratulated the Youth Diplomacy Center students on the Day of the diplomatic worker, and also noted the importance of this educational organization activities:

“On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I can say that you, dear students, are great hope and huge potential for our diplomacy and for the Republic in general. In addition, we very much appreciate the participation of Legatus students in public diplomacy, the establishment of systematic educational, scientific, socio-cultural cooperation with our foreign like-minded people. Today this area is in demand as never before: the most complex processes are taking place in the world, requiring new diplomatic approaches. In this regard, public diplomacy based on direct dialogue and mutual respect is becoming an indispensable tool.”

During the meeting, students actively participated in communication with DPR MFA Head. A big number of questions concerned the Minsk process course, the situation in Ukraine, as well as the prospects for the development of Republic’s international relations.