Additional statement in exercise of the right of reply to anti-Russian verbal attacks on the part of NATO allies and Ukraine

We have taken note of the latest anti-Russian innuendos by NATO allies and their vassals regarding the military-political crisis they provoked themselves around the tragic events that have been taking place in Ukraine since 2014 in connection with the armed coup d'état in Kiev and the subsequent numerous crimes against the population that does not share the neo-Nazi and nationalist attitudes of the Kiev regime.

In this connection, I would like to draw the attention of the pseudo-champions of the aspirations of the Ukrainian people in a practical way to the following pernicious circumstances and consequences of the proxy war unleashed against the Russian Federation.

With large-scale deliveries of arms and ammunition to Ukraine, NATO and EU Member States have been systematically violating their international legal and political obligations under the UN Register of Conventional Arms, the UN Programme of Action (PoA) to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and the EU Common Position defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment.

As for the Register, which is one of the main instruments for transparency and international security by tracking and identifying destabilising accumulations of weapons, this group of States has persistently avoided reporting exports and imports of weapons actively supplied to the Kiev regime.

As part of the fulfilment of their political commitments under the PoA, NATO allies and their satellites continue the mass manufacturing of SALW under expired licences or without licences at all, carry out unauthorised re-
exports of weapons without consulting the original exporting States, pay no attention to the uncontrolled activities of numerous arms brokers, thus allowing the diversion of military products into illegal circulation and into the hands of transnational criminal structures, and flagrantly violate the procedure for the issuance of end-user certificates. In this case, we are talking primarily about Bulgaria, Poland, the Czech Republic and a number of other NATO countries led by the United States, which are trying to acquire Russian/Soviet arms around the world for the Kiev regime.

Concerning the ATT, which is the brainchild of the European Union and is intended by its creators to bring the entire international arms trade under the control of the "collective West", they fail to comply with the provisions requiring each State Party exporting conventional arms under its jurisdiction to assess in an objective and non-discriminatory manner the potential that the arms supplied would contribute to or undermine peace and security, could be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian law, or could be used to commit acts of violence against women and children (Article 7). The Treaty also explicitly states that a State Party shall not authorise any transfer of conventional arms if it has knowledge at the time of authorisation that they would be used in the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity, grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 1949, attacks directed against civilian objects or civilians (Article 6).

The situation is no less deplorable with regard to compliance by members and candidates for the European Union’s membership with the Common Position of this regional organisation, which prohibits the issuance of licences for arms exports if this creates clear risks for the use of military technology and equipment for the purposes of internal repression in the recipient country or will lead to a serious violation of international humanitarian law, will provoke or prolong armed conflicts or aggravate existing tensions or conflicts in the country of final destination, as well as contribute to the implementation of
offensive actions against other country. When making decisions on arms transfers, EU States should also take into account the risks of uncoordinated re-export and arms trafficking (for which, according to Europol, there are numerous precedents), the human rights situation in the recipient country and its overall fulfilment of its international obligations.

At the same time, Western capitals in fact ignore a whole number of international agreements aimed at preventing advanced precision weapons from falling into the hands of radicals, terrorists, and gangs, including UN General Assembly Resolution 62/40 Prevention of the Illicit Transfer and Unauthorised Access to and Use of Man-Portable Air Defence Systems of 2007 and Elements for Export Controls of Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS) of 2003, agreed under the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies.

In short, a lot of absolutely non-rhetorical questions arise, and the most important of them is "Who are the judges?" Are they not those who are ready to do any tricks and commit any crimes and ultimately do it in order to maintain their dominant positions in the world based on some "rules" mixed with the postulates of neo-colonialism, self-deception about their own alleged exclusivity and impunity. Examples of this include Yugoslavia, Iraq, Libya and now Ukraine.