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Europe's Weakness is Enabling Russia's Destruction of Ukraine and the Free World

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**Protect humanity by defending Ukrainians
from the ongoing Russian Genocide**

After 12 years of the largest war in Europe since the Second World War, the West can no longer ignore the fact that the tipping point of the global balance of power lies in Ukraine.

Russia's gains in its illegal war of aggression against Ukraine and its breaking up of the international rules-based order are a product of the West's ambivalence: Ukraine's defence has been undersupported, while Russia has been overprotected by the West's refusal to escalate its response to a level consistent with the threat Russia poses.

The rules-based order is at stake, and Ukraine is fighting alone in its defence. To survive a perfect geopolitical storm, Europe will have to stop being hostage to Putin and Trump - it will have to act.

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Humanitarian Military Mission in Ukraine Now!

Russia is conducting a systematic and directed state policy of genocide to destroy the viability of Ukrainians as a distinct ethnic and national group.

Russia wants to extinguish the existence of the independent and sovereign Ukrainian national state.

Russian architects of genocide openly espouse the genocidal ideology of Ruscism.

The Russian state incites its people to commit genocide through large-scale, state-directed propaganda.

Russia's state-directed policy is the massive and systematic commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and crimes of genocide.

Russia systematically employs illegal methods and means of warfare to deprive large numbers of civilians of access to basic services.

Russia's deliberate air strikes against civilians and civilian infrastructure aim to create perilous living conditions for Ukrainians.

Russia is acting with a sense of impunity and utter disregard for international humanitarian law.

The Ukrainian Armed Forces are the sole formidable defence preventing Russia from achieving its genocidal objective.

Ukraine's resistance does not make the crime of genocide any less real or true.

Western nations have the responsibility to uphold the international rules-based order and halt the Russian genocide.

The crime of genocide is an attack on humanity. Defending Ukraine means defending modern human civilisation.

Abstract

Russia is conducting a systematic, state-directed genocide against Ukrainians, aiming to destroy them as a group with a distinct ethnic and national identity, and to obliterate the independent Ukrainian state.

This genocidal objective is underpinned by the totalitarian ideology of Ruscism which rationalises Moscow's imperial territorial claims over Ukrainians and their land, and justifies the use of extreme violence, extermination, and destruction.

The massive and systematic commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and crimes of genocide are an integral and principal part of Russia's intentional, state-directed policy to destroy the viability of Ukrainians as a distinct ethnic and national group, and to extinguish the existence of the independent and sovereign Ukrainian national state. Abundant evidence demonstrates unchecked Russian terror: unprecedented air strikes deliberately targeting civilians and critical infrastructure, forced deportation and indoctrination of children, systematic and methodical violence against civilians, torture and killings of prisoner's of war, and the destruction of community life, Ukrainian language, culture, historic heritage and religious sites.

The wilful blindness of international policymakers, experts, and the media to the genocidal nature of Russia's crimes allows Moscow to escalate its brutality. Ignoring Russia's genocidal intent to avoid "obstacles" to "peace talks" is a dangerous sacrifice of truth for a political agenda that carries a high human cost.

The crime of genocide is an attack on all humanity. It demands a comprehensive international response to defeat Russia, restore international law, and hold perpetrators accountable.

The international community's response, particularly that of European nations, remains utterly inadequate. It is enabling Russia's impunity. Western policy of "escalation management" has shackled Ukraine's defence capabilities, leading to immense suffering of the people. The lack of political resolve in Western capitals to confront Russia militarily has contributed to the erosion of the international rules-based order. The world has failed on many accounts: the absence of a comprehensive economic embargo, the failure to confiscate Russian sovereign assets, the lack of international justice for perpetrators, and the withholding of long-range weapons from Ukraine are just a few of the most egregious examples.

A potential pseudo 'peace' deal, led by American President Donald Trump, risks legitimising Russian aggression and betraying the principles of freedom and international law. It is a modern twist on the 1938 Munich appeasement of the Nazi regime in Germany that invites further aggression.

Ukraine needs the world's urgent and decisive action: accelerating military aid, providing long-range weapons, confiscating Russian assets, imposing a full economic embargo, deploying a humanitarian military mission, forming a Coalition of the Resolute to fight alongside Ukraine, launching the work of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression, and pursuing justice through the International Criminal Court.

Defending Ukraine against Russia's barbarism is defending modern human civilisation and the advances made in global security and human rights since World War II.

1 Europe's Weakness is Enabling Russia's Destruction of Ukraine

While European governments and officials are busy holding countless meetings dedicated to international efforts to end Russia's illegal war by diplomacy, Moscow is relentlessly pursuing its destruction of Ukraine with one goal in mind: to make Ukrainians Russian, and to make Ukraine Russia.

Massive and systematic commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and crimes of genocide are an integral and principal part of Russia's intentional, state-directed policy to destroy the viability of Ukrainians as a distinct ethnic and national group, and to extinguish the existence of the independent and sovereign Ukrainian national state.

The colossal scale of Russia's vicious assault against peaceful Ukrainians, both in temporarily occupied territories and far from the line of military engagement, exposes the radical nature of the Russian war of extermination against Ukraine. It is a war of annihilation, genocide, culturecide, linguicide, ecocide, and urbicide.

Russia's main weapon against Ukraine is the ability to rain death and destruction on Ukrainians unrestrained by any legal or moral constraints. Moscow is acting with utter disregard and contempt for international humanitarian law. It is acting with a sense of full impunity.

Evidence collected by international and human-rights organisations paints a clear picture of the Russian government and Russian Armed Forces operating within the framework of a coordinated, state-directed policy of destroying Ukraine which is executed through mass and systematic violations of international human-rights law and international humanitarian law, designed for the physical destruction of Ukrainians. The Russian Armed Forces systematically employ illegal methods and means of warfare designed to disrupt the foundations of community life so as to deprive large numbers of Ukrainian civilians of access to the fulfilment

of their basic life-sustaining needs. The magnitude of Russian crimes leaves no doubt about their objective to create conditions that would endanger human existence or make it entirely impossible in many Ukrainian towns and cities.

The shocking lack of a meaningful response from the international community to thwart Russian genocide is enabling the rising human toll and destruction of Ukraine's land. While Russia wages its war entirely unrestrained, Ukraine remains shackled by the Western policy of "escalation management," denying Ukraine what is required to mount a military effort commensurate with the challenges of defending the country.

Every day of Western political "caution" and "hesitation" to adequately support Ukraine brings endless suffering to Ukrainians and erodes the international rules-based order. Since President Trump's reversal of American policy on Ukraine, the scale of devastation has grown exponentially, as has the overall damage to international security.

After twelve years of Russian war, Europe must finally recognise that Moscow's criminal ambitions go far beyond seizing Ukrainian territory. Russia wants to destroy Ukraine's statehood. Russia wants Ukrainians to cease existing as a distinct ethnic and national group. Russia wants to re-establish its sphere of influence in Europe. Russia wants to break up the European Union (EU) and NATO. Russia wants to re-establish itself as a global power through an unrestrained use of military violence. This makes Russia the main threat to global peace and security. It makes Russia the main threat to humanity.

Ukraine's Armed Forces remain the key and sole defence protecting civilians from the inevitable consequences conceived by the Kremlin's genocidal design for Ukraine. After twelve years of exhausting struggle, and the overwhelming Russian resources directed at attacking Ukraine, the Ukrainian army suffers from a persistent shortage of material means and personnel for more effective defence.

Ukraine not only defends itself against military aggression and genocide, it stands as the last warrior on the battlefield, fighting for the preservation of the liberal global order. But, while European politicians talk about a "war in Europe", they still act as if this is only Ukraine's job to defend Europe from Russia's aggression.

Ukrainians are forever grateful for the massive amounts of military, economic, and humanitarian aid provided by Western partners. Nevertheless, no amount of aid can

camouflage the fact that Western governments set unjustifiable limits on their support for Ukraine.

It must be said loud and clear, Western nations have not delivered on their own responsibility to uphold the international rules-based order:

- No comprehensive economic embargo has been introduced against Russia;
- No Russian sovereign assets have been confiscated to provide Ukraine with sufficient means to defend itself;
- No Russian perpetrators of war crimes, crimes against humanity, or crimes of genocide have been brought to international justice;
- No Western country sent a humanitarian military mission to protect Ukrainian civilians and critical infrastructure, in particular, nuclear infrastructure;
- No Western country joined Ukraine in its legitimate self-defence under the United Nations Charter;
- Western countries continue to withhold from Ukraine their long-range weapons which are critical for downgrading Russia's capabilities to commit air strikes against Ukrainian civilians and critical infrastructure;
- Many Western countries continue to impose unjustifiable restrictions on the use of their weapons against legitimate targets inside Russian territory, effectively protecting Russia's military production and storage facilities, and enabling Moscow to grow its military capacity;
- Russia's rights and entitlements still have not been suspended in many international organisations, notably in the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the United Nations General Assembly (despite the 1974 South African precedent paving the way for such suspension);
- No Western country has introduced a ban on the travel of Russians, with only Estonia banning Russian combatants who fought in war against Ukraine from entering the Schengen zone.

This is an incomplete list. It is clear that after twelve years of war - in which a smaller nation defends against a war and genocide perpetrated by the world's top nuclear power with many times larger resources - the international community (European nations in particular) has not responded to Russia's aggression with measures commensurate to the threat Russia poses to the peace and security of the entire world.

The lack of political will in Western nations to do what it takes to uphold the rules-based international order is leading to a rapid loss of Western leadership in world affairs to ascendant authoritarian powers. The liberal order which allowed humankind to enjoy decades of unprecedented security, the universal spread of freedom and protection of human dignity, and growing worldwide prosperity, is crumbling before our eyes.

It is now likely that the only way to save it is for Europe to be fighting alongside Ukraine - the choice Europe is unwilling to make. As Russia destabilises the whole continent, European nations avoid their responsibility for security in Europe, hiding inside the panic room of NATO which increasingly looks like a paper tiger incapable of decisive action.

The fate of the liberal, rules-based order is forged on the battlefields in Ukraine as much as it is determined by the stance of European nations. While Ukrainians have held the front line of the rules-based order through tenacious fighting and immense suffering, European nations seem to be prepared to abandon it without a fight.

Any settlement of Russia's war premised on a blatant disregard for international law will become a wrecking ball, destroying the remaining façade of the post-World War II system.

However, Europe's inaction, dictated by an unwillingness to take major risks, is paving the way exactly for this scenario. The policy of appeasing Trump, which has been pursued by European governments over the last year, has contributed to the disgraceful coercion of Ukraine to surrender to Russia.

To survive a perfect geopolitical storm, Europe will have to stop being hostage to Putin and Trump — it will have to act.

2 War of Annihilation

Beyond Moscow's revanchist ambitions to dismantle the Western-led international order to elevate its global power status, Russia's plans for Ukraine have never been limited to territorial gains.

Since the start of Russia's illegal war of aggression against Ukraine in 2014, the Kremlin's criminal objectives have included not only territorial conquest, but also genocide. Moscow's words and actions over the years have clearly shown its aim to destroy Ukrainians as a group with a separate and distinct national and ethnic identity. For Moscow, genocide is the means to destroy the Ukrainian sovereign state.

This genocidal objective is the primary driver of Russia's continued war on Ukraine. The goal is to make Ukrainians Russian, and to make Ukraine Russia. This is why Moscow's imperial gluttony cannot be satisfied by serving additional territory in Ukraine's southeast on the platter of appeasement.

Russia is conducting a systematic and directed state policy of destroying the Ukrainian nation as a source of Ukrainian statehood. Ukrainians are the subject of autonomous legal rights recognised by the international community. The existence of the Ukrainian national identity breathes life into the legal right of self-determination. By pursuing destruction of Ukrainians as a distinct group, Russia is seeking to eradicate their entitlement to self-determination in order to create the conditions for the forced assimilation of the remaining denationalised people into Russians.

Russian political and military leadership, and ordinary Russians in uniform and without them, have been committing deliberate, organised, systemic, and conscious actions, directed by the Russian state, to exterminate Ukrainians as a group with a shared collective national identity. Russian perpetrators of genocide openly declare that they are seeking destruction of a group identified in their genocidal lingo as the "Ukrainian Nazi". Anyone maintaining Ukrainian identity, as distinct and separate from Russian identity, is perceived as a member of this group, thus making this person an intended target of genocide.

A litany of harrowing Russian crimes reveals a concerted, state-sponsored plan of destruction of Ukrainians: the monstrous scale, cruelty and pattern of Russian attacks against the civilian population; air attacks on civilians and critical infrastructure historically unprecedented in scale; a systematic ‘human safari’ tactic to hunt down civilians by drones; the deliberate targeting of leaders, activists, journalists, religious clergy; mass graves; illegal deportation of children and their consequent indoctrination to erase identity and subject them to military education; systematic vicious violence, torture, rape; scorched-earth military sieges of cities; and more.

Western governments must stop ignoring that Russia has been implementing a deliberate, state-directed policy aimed at destroying the viability of Ukrainians as a distinct national and ethnic group. This is the means of dismantling the Ukrainian sovereign state because the Ukrainian nation's existence is the foundation of Ukraine’s statehood.

3 Totalitarian Ideology of Ruscism

The architects of Russian genocide of Ukrainians openly espouse the humanity-hating ideology of Ruscism, known as “ruskiy mir” (Russian world). This radical form of nationalism has been devised to rationalise Moscow's imperial claims over the Ukrainian people and their land.

Ruscism is a hate-filled, chauvinistic, totalitarian ideology premised on the exceptionalism of the Russian nation; its superior moral right to be above any worldly laws; its “chosen” historic global mission; its superiority over other nations; its unique religious spirituality; its belief in the self-assumed role of the single true world defender from evil forces; belief in “ruskiy mir” as a separate civilisation; imperialist territorial conquest; sacralisation of the state; the cult of the state leader; the cult of force and violence; militarisation of society (especially of youth); repression of rights and freedoms; and the power of state-controlled propaganda.

Ruscism legitimises Moscow’s aggressive territorial claims against neighbouring countries, justifies the use of force against other nations, national and ethnic groups, including physical, linguistic, cultural, religious destruction, and encourages the sense of entitlement to subjugate other national or ethnic groups.

The state-sponsored genocidal ideology of Ruscism upholds the view grounded in Russia's imperialism that the territory of Ukraine is populated by Russian people who are oppressed by a renegade group with an artificial Ukrainian identity who opposes Russia by pursuing a political concept of "anti-Russia".

The very existence of a separate and distinct Ukrainian national and ethnic identity shatters the foundations of Ruscism. The existence of Ukrainians as a group with shared identity gives legitimacy to the Ukrainian state. And the Ukrainian state gives protection to Ukrainian identity. The existence of a sovereign Ukraine ensures that there will be reckoning for Russian crimes.

This is why the destruction of Ukrainians is at the core of Russia's evil policy design to bring about a “final solution” to the “Ukrainian problem”: no Ukrainians, no State, no Crimes, no Accountability. The depopulated and obliterated Ukrainian towns under Russian occupation are the gruesome symbols of Moscow’s plan for Ukraine - wasteland, erased from existence, to be resettled by loyal subjects of ‘ruskiy mir’.

The Russian state incites its people to commit genocide against Ukrainians through a massive state-directed propaganda machine.

4 Russia's State Directed Policy of Genocide

The systematic pattern of criminal actions, their targeted nature, and extensive evidence of incitement to genocide by public figures and state propaganda, leave no doubt that we can attribute the intent to destroy Ukrainians, as a group with distinct shared identity, to those actions.

The massacres in Bucha, Irpin, and in other locations in Ukraine were the outcome of genocidal conditioning by the Russian state of its citizens to deny the existence of the Ukrainian identity, and to dehumanise and vilify Ukrainians in order to portray them as unworthy of existence.

Russia's state directed policy to destroy Ukrainians encompasses a wide array of criminal measures - from physical elimination, extermination of the shared identity of people, including through forcible transfer of children, to systemic destruction of community life of Ukrainians. Many atrocities committed by Russians in Ukraine clearly fall into the legal categories of actions which qualify as acts of genocide.

The pattern of Russian genocidal crimes has not changed since 2014, only the scale has. More than 212,000 war crimes have been registered since February 2022 alone.

Moscow is carrying out the illegal and forcible deportation of Ukrainian children and transferring them into the custody of Russian citizens where they are subject to extensive state-sponsored measures of "re-education" to become Russian. This is a clear-cut policy to erase their Ukrainian national identity, and thereby destroy part of future generations of Ukrainians. In 2014, Ukraine filed its first submission with the European Court of Human Rights against Russia regarding the forced deportation of Ukrainian children to Russian territory. Almost 20,000 Ukrainian children are confirmed to have been deported to Russia since 2022.

Moscow is carrying out a systematic and directed campaign of calculated destruction of civilian objects: critical infrastructure of energy generation and supply, heating and water

supply, hospitals, educational institutions, residential buildings, cultural centres, ports, and commercial enterprises in order to create perilous living conditions for the civilian populations in Ukrainian cities and towns. More than 235,000 objects of civilian infrastructure have been damaged or destroyed since 2022.

Russia is also applying enormous pressure by repressive apparatus to eradicate the Ukrainian identity of adults in Ukraine's occupied territories. Since 2014, Russia has been directing massive resources at destroying the national character of Ukrainians in all occupied territory. In Crimea, Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson, and Zaporizzhia the same coordinated plan of eradicating essential foundations of life within the Ukrainian community is being enforced by the Russian occupation authorities. Russians implement violent measures to eradicate national feelings, shared values, language, culture, history, religion, political, and social institutions. The Russian state forcibly replaces them with the totalitarian, chauvinistic, and imperialistic pattern of Russian society.

Ukrainians defending themselves and surviving rather than being helpless victims brutally slaughtered in mass numbers, makes it easier for many to ignore the reality of Russia's genocidal objective in Ukraine. But, it cannot be emphasized enough: resistance does not make the crime of genocide any less real or true. In fact, where Ukrainians have been unable to defend themselves, Russian massacres are of a horrendous scale. This has been amply illustrated by territories liberated by the Ukrainian Armed Forces, like Bucha and Irpin, for example, where bodies of Ukrainian civilians with hands bound behind their backs littered the streets. Without defence, the death toll of Ukrainians would be much higher than it is where Ukrainians have been able to mount their resistance.

The only formidable obstacle preventing Russia from achieving its genocidal objective is the heroic defensive effort by the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Where the Ukrainian Army cannot shield Ukrainians from Russian assault, the consequences of Russian crimes are devastating. The inability of the Ukrainian army to defend Ukrainians made it possible for Russians to commit genocidal atrocities in Bucha, Irpin, Borodyanka, Mariupol, and many other Ukrainian towns captured by the Russian army. The lack of Ukraine's defensive capacity to thwart Russian aerial attacks makes it possible for Moscow to pursue methods of war calculated to create perilous living conditions for the civilian populations in Ukrainian cities and towns.

5 Raining Death on Ukraine

To create perilous living conditions for the civilian populations in Ukrainian cities and towns, Russia blatantly employs illegal methods and means of warfare designed to disrupt the foundations of community life so as to deprive large numbers of Ukrainian civilians of access to the fulfilment of their basic life-sustaining needs.

The Russian Armed Forces, under centralised command, systematically, and methodically execute deliberate strikes against civilians and civilian infrastructure. The strikes by the Russian Armed Forces have transformed flourishing Ukrainian cities into urban deserts. Bakhmut, Vovchansk, Maryinka, Soledar, Lysychansk, and Popasna will long remain symbols of the merciless barbarity of Russian armed formations which deprive the civilian population of any realistic chance of rescue and survival.

Since February 2022, Russia has used over 13,300 missiles of various types, and over 142,300 strike unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) against Ukraine. A significant portion of the Russian air attacks were directed against the civilian population and civilian infrastructure. In 2025, approximately 35 per cent of civilian casualties were caused directly by Russian air strikes.

In 2025, against the backdrop of so-called “peace” negotiations, Russia tripled its air strikes on Ukraine’s energy infrastructure compared to 2024. As a result of Russian occupation and the damage and destruction of Ukraine’s energy facilities by air strikes, effective energy production has fallen to 20 per cent of pre-war capacity, creating a critical electricity deficit. More than 50 per cent of all hydroelectric power plants in Ukraine were damaged, and more than 40 per cent destroyed. Russia destroyed approximately 90 per cent of Ukraine’s thermal power plants. At the beginning of 2026, as a result of significant damage to energy infrastructure caused by Russian air strikes, approximately 80 per cent of Ukraine’s territory suffered large-scale emergency blackouts.

Russian air strikes carry an increasing risk of a nuclear incident at Ukrainian nuclear power plants due to disruption of stable electricity supply needed to maintain safety systems. High

risks of damage to critical infrastructure which could provoke an emergency situation pose challenges to radiological safety across the continent.

In February 2025, a Russian strike UAV hit the shelter that safeguards the world from radiation from the destroyed Unit 4 reactor at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant. As a result, its integrity was breached and significant long-term damage inflicted. The new safe confinement over the destroyed reactor at Chornobyl has lost its principal safety functions, including its capacity to provide isolation. It now requires renewed efforts by the international community for comprehensive remediation to prevent further degradation and to ensure long-term nuclear safety.

Russia has repeatedly launched mass strikes on the electrical substations through which Ukrainian nuclear power plants output electricity, which is vital to their nuclear safety. The intent of these strikes was to trigger the emergency protection systems of nuclear plants, leading to their automatic shutdown, thereby causing collapse of Ukraine's power systems. The methodical nature of these attacks also indicates that the Russian Federation calculatedly seeks to provoke a nuclear incident through the unpredictable consequences of emergency shutdowns of nuclear power units.

In blatant defiance of the fundamental principles of international humanitarian law, Russian political leadership, officials of the Russian Ministry of Defence, and the command of the Russian Armed Forces have repeatedly publicly declared Ukraine's energy infrastructure to be a target of Russian military strikes. The coordinated, systematic, and wide-ranging character of these strikes indicates an objective of total destruction of Ukraine's electric-power infrastructure pursued by Russia, including generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity and heat. Moscow's systematic execution of the strategy to destroy critical civilian infrastructure in Ukraine, particularly in densely populated cities during extreme winter temperatures, indicates a clear intent to provoke a large-scale humanitarian crisis.

Modern human life depends on the use of electricity. The destruction of critical infrastructure results in severe disruption of access to basic services necessary for elementary everyday life: public warning systems (air-raid sirens), electricity supply, heating and hot water, water supply, sewage and sanitation systems, healthcare and access to medicines, education, economic livelihood, public transport, and telecommunications. By actively employing precision long-range weapons for unprecedented attacks on energy infrastructure, Russia

deliberately aims to deprive Ukrainians of access to these basic services, thereby jeopardising the health and lives of millions of people.

Russia's criminal strategy to create perilous living conditions calculated to bring about the physical destruction of Ukrainians is further evidenced by systematic deliberate killings of civilians, including through "human safari" strikes with FPV drones; systematic shelling of residential areas and precise direct attacks on residential buildings; systematic attacks on healthcare facilities, child-care institutions, educational and cultural institutions, religious sites, enterprises, public transport, and institutions and personnel involved in protecting the civilian population from the dangers of armed conflict.

As a result of criminal actions by the Russian Armed Forces, thousands of peaceful people have been killed or have suffered injuries and disabilities; more than 236,000 residential buildings have been destroyed, including more than 2.5 million apartments; over 2,760 strikes have been carried out against healthcare institutions, with at least 2,500 damaged or completely destroyed; more than 4,000 educational establishments have been damaged or destroyed; more than 1,600 cultural heritage sites and over 2,400 cultural institutions have been damaged; and over 600 religious buildings - including churches, mosques, synagogues, and prayer houses - have been attacked.

Another part of Russia's coordinated policy of creating perilous living conditions in Ukraine is the deliberate attacks with the objective of preventing recovery from destruction. Russia regularly attacks to prevent Ukrainians from restoring damaged or destroyed critical infrastructure; firefighting; providing first aid; carrying out evacuations; restoring electricity, water, and heat supply necessary to preserve the basic conditions of life in communities. When attacking Ukraine's civilian infrastructure, the Russian Armed Forces employ a systematic practice of repeated so-called "double strikes" against rescuers of the State Emergency Service, fire brigades, emergency-rescue personnel, medical staff, police, and other persons involved in providing relief to the victims or in repairing the damage from air strikes. Russians also direct precise targeted air strikes against fire-and-rescue stations, medical institutions, and ambulances with the purpose of killing personnel and destroying rescue equipment and machinery.

6 Wilful Blindness of the International Community

Russia is pursuing its genocidal policy in plain view of the world. However, its criminal actions are not met with the decisive and resolute international response they demand. As a result, the criminal state of the Russian Federation has acted with impunity in its pursuit of the destruction of the Ukrainian nation.

The international community at large has been turning a blind eye to the horrific reality of the Russian genocide, withholding the effective international action to halt it. Rather than taking forceful measures to defend Ukrainians from genocide and pursuing the legal prosecution of its perpetrators as the key policies of the international response, the international community pays lip service to “peace”.

The genocidal nature of Russian crimes in Ukraine remains hidden by the lack of international awareness. Only seven countries – Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Canada, Lithuania, Czechia, and Ireland – made political declarations recognising the ongoing Russian genocide. Only two international institutions - the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and the European Parliament - highlighted in their resolutions that Russian criminal actions in Ukraine may amount to genocide. Tragically, the big power actors in international politics continue to ignore Moscow’s unconcealed objective of destroying Ukrainians as a national and ethnic group to avoid addressing the serious allegations against Russia for committing crimes of genocide.

The wilful blindness among policymakers, experts, and media to Russia’s ongoing genocide allows Moscow to scale up its brutality. While Russia’s army is hunting Ukrainian civilians by FPV drones in human safaris in towns and cities near the front line, and is conducting aerial attacks unprecedented in scale on Ukrainian cities far from the front lines, the world has gone silent on the genocidal intent of Russia’s crimes.

The truth of Russian genocide against Ukrainians is sacrificed for international political agendas. Just like Russia’s war of aggression went unrecognised by the international

community from 2014 until 2022 to avoid meaningful action against Moscow, Russian genocide is ignored to avoid humanitarian military intervention in Ukraine to help it defend its people from destruction. The subject of Russia's genocide gets almost no attention, especially so this past year. Exposing Moscow's unchecked barbarity is perceived as a problem of "humiliating Putin" that can cast shadow over US mediated "peace talks".

7 Fake “Peace” is a Tool of War

Russia has been unable to force Ukraine to surrender after twelve years of brutal war and genocide, but in less than a year in office, President Trump is close to coercing Ukraine into accepting defeat through a pseudo ‘peace’ deal. Alaska 2025 may go down in history as the 21st century version of Munich 1938, or even the 1939 Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact.

For three years, Western politicians repeated the political mantra of “putting Ukraine in the best negotiating position” as their objective for supporting Ukraine. Yet after a year of pseudo “peace talks” designed to extort concessions from Kyiv, Ukraine’s negotiating position has been substantially weakened. Ukraine was coerced to give up its 2024 Victory Plan, and concede to accept Trump’s “peace deal” framework for Ukraine’s surrender to Russia. Ukraine conceded to an unconditional ceasefire, implying condemning a large number of Ukrainian citizens to Russian occupation.

US led “peace talks” gave Russia cover to scale up attacks on Ukrainian civilians. The talks broke over three years of Russia’s diplomatic isolation. And they created an information narrative for whitewashing Russian war: Trump’s administration talks about Russia as a party that is seeking peace, which is utterly absurd, and talks about Ukraine as if it is not a victim of the illegal aggression.

The pseudo “peace talks” are a betrayal of the shared principle of defending freedom. Many Western governments use the “negotiations” as an excuse to downscale their support for Ukraine. 2025 was the most destructive and deadliest year of the war because Ukraine did not receive enough military support to ensure it was capable of holding off escalating Russian attacks and a growing scale of missile and drone production. One wonders whether drip-feeding military aid to Ukraine is still an element of the “escalation management” policy, or is now a tool of coercion through enabling Russia’s aerial terror of Ukrainian civilians.

By backing the Kremlin’s demands to Ukraine with American pressure, the US administration is enabling Moscow to weaponise ‘peace’ against Ukraine. Instead of being treated as an outlaw state captured by war criminals threatening world peace, Russia is given special

consideration in international relations, allowing it to act above international law and to dictate its will not only to the victim of its aggression but also to the allies of the United States, including the defensive military alliance that the US supposedly leads.

Coercing Ukraine to accept concessions to Russia has exposed Western weakness. In essence, the West has chosen the path of coercing the victim of aggression to give up its sacred right of self-defense under international law to repel aggression and restore its sovereignty over all of its internationally recognized territory. Instead of insisting on restoring Ukraine's territorial integrity and forcing Russia to repair its violations of international law, Europe has accepted Trump's position of normalising Russian aggression.

At its core, Trump's "peace deal" framework legitimises Russia's unprovoked, illegal aggression. By rewarding the aggressor and punishing the victim – limiting its sovereignty, sacrificing its people to occupation and denying true security, justice and compensation – the US administration is pushing the liberal, rules-based order to the brink of collapse.

The policy of appeasing Trump which has been pursued by European governments in the last year has contributed to this disgraceful coercion of Ukraine to surrender to Russia. Recent visits of some Western leaders to Kyiv to sell "painful concessions" to the Ukrainian people can be seen as dishonourable complicity in Trump's coercion.

Europe is hiding its inability and unwillingness to help Ukraine defend its territory and people behind the position that "it is for to Ukraine to decide on sensitive issues like territory". Shifting the responsibility for European inaction onto Ukrainians who are suffering under massive air strikes which deprive them of access to basic services in extreme cold temperatures of this winter is not going to save Europe from facing imminent Russian threat.

Ukrainians do not want to surrender to Russia, they are prepared to fight for victory. In fact, a December 2025 social poll of Ukrainian men who are not currently serving in the army suggested that Ukraine could mobilise as many as one million soldiers who would join the the Armed Forces voluntarily under certain conditions. Critically, 40 per cent of Ukrainian men said they would join the army ranks if confident that they will be fighting for the pursuit of Ukraine's victory. 27% of respondents said that an increase of Western support would motivate them to join the army, and 13% will be persuaded to join by a Western ally entering the war to fight on Ukraine's side. (The last number likely reflects the devaluation of the

Western military power in the eyes of Ukrainians – as long as Western actions are constricted by fear of military confrontation with Russia, Western attempts to project military power are met with major scepticism.)

Ukrainians will trust the West's actions, but they have grown disillusioned with Western rhetoric. When NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte promises a “devastating reaction” should Russia violate a future ceasefire with Ukraine, Ukrainians recall the empty promises of a “sanctions regime from hell” in response to Russia's 2022 large-scale offensive. Instead of “sanctions from hell,” the West responded to Russia's war of annihilation with multiple rounds of limited sanctions with many loopholes.

Many Western politicians now like to say that new security guarantees for Ukraine will be better than the Budapest Memorandum and the Minsk Agreements. In essence, the Budapest Memorandum promised Ukraine a UN-sanctioned response to any illegal attack on the country. This never happened, not just because of Russia's veto power in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). In the absence of UNSC action to maintain peace, and considering Ukraine's tremendous contribution to world peace through voluntary nuclear disarmament, the US, UK, and France could have taken the matter to the General Assembly, but they did not. Nor did they honour the spirit of their commitments by taking unilateral action to join Ukraine's self-defence against illegal aggression. Moreover, they did not even attempt to suspend Russia's vote in the United Nations based on the 1974 South African precedent.

Today, under a 20-point “peace deal,” Ukraine is offered “security” that would rely on turning Ukraine into a “steel porcupine.” This means that Ukraine will be better armed and trained but, essentially, will still need to face Russia on the battlefield alone. If this were not the case, there would either be bilateral joint defence agreements signed, or Ukraine would be invited to join NATO. Instead, Ukraine is promised ‘reassurance measures.’

The proponents of the “steel porcupine” concept tend to ignore the demographic and economic reality of a country devastated by the Russian war of annihilation. It should be clear that in this situation Ukraine needs military allies, like NATO. Moreover, as Western leaders try to sell “peace” to Ukraine by porcupine, they cannot explain the obvious: If Ukraine is supposed to guarantee its security from Russia on its own — by “steel porcupine” posturing — why then, do the UK, France, Germany, and others need NATO?

Many Ukrainians intuitively feel that “reassurance measures” of the Coalition of the Willing lack credibility because, at the end of the day, this Coalition is not really willing to fight Russia. It is believed that if European nations are not willing to fight Russia today - after having been substantially weakened by Ukraine - they will not fight Russia tomorrow after Moscow reconstitutes its armed forces and replenishes its stockpiles during any possible future ceasefire.

Instead of the “reassurance measures” of the Coalition of the Willing tomorrow, Ukraine needs the Coalition of Resolute today. The main reason Russia has no plans of ceasing its war is because Ukraine is alone on the battlefield defending itself. Putin’s calculations are simple: Ukraine has fewer resources than Russia at its disposal, so sooner or later Ukraine will be quashed because no one will come to its side. As long as Russian cities are sheltered from war by Western refusal to provide long-range missiles to Ukraine and Ukrainian cities are being razed by Russian air strikes, Putin will believe his calculations will prove right.

Western governments do not realise the extent to which their inaction on Russia’s war has eroded their power projection. NATO is no longer seen as the world’s most powerful military bloc. It is seen as a “golden cage” for European nations, sandwiched between appeasing Trump and Putin and unwilling to assert their own power.

A policy response to Russia’s war and genocide that relies on extorting concessions - including territorial ones - from Ukraine is doomed for disaster. European nations must urgently revise their policy and implement a Humanitarian Military Mission in Ukraine to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure, and critically, to safeguard the safety of Ukrainian nuclear power plants, from Russian air attacks. Striking down Russia’s missiles and UAVs in Ukraine’s skies does not risk direct confrontation with Russia, nor would it be an act of war against Russia - it is an act of humanity to save innocent lives from genocide. A Humanitarian Military Mission is a way to establish Europe as a global geopolitical actor and project effective military deterrence that will prevent Russia’s future attempts to test NATO’s resolve in defending the Nordic and Baltic states.

8 Humanity Must Act

The crime of genocide is an attack on humanity, and the international community must employ the full force of law to help defend humankind from the rogue Russian state. The destruction of the collective identity of Ukrainians would be a distinct loss for humankind. The destruction of Ukraine as a sovereign state would be an ill-fated failure of the international community.

Ukraine does not need a 'peace plan' that shields the criminal Russian regime from accountability and rewards Russia with the spoils of its war under the guise of humanitarian concerns. No lasting peace can be built on a rotten foundation of injustice.

There should be only one peace plan on the table: the full restoration of international law which was grossly violated by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its genocide against Ukrainians. Russia must repair all its breaches of international law. This plan requires defeating Russia, and this objective is achievable. Ukraine has already proven that Russia is a giant on feet of clay.

If the Russian strategy of total destruction of Ukrainian nation is allowed to go unrepelled and unpunished, the same strategy will be attempted elsewhere. It is not only Ukraine, but also humanity at large, that need immediate and principled international action for supporting our fight for survival.

We call on the governments of European nations to lead international action to stop Russian genocide and bring its perpetrators to responsibility:

- Accelerate and expand deliveries of air-defence systems and munitions to Ukraine; provide long-range weapons for downgrading Russia's capability of attacking the civilian population and critical infrastructure; drive co-operation on advanced military technologies and innovations with Ukraine;

- Increase financial support for Ukraine, in particular by finding the political will to confiscate Russia's frozen sovereign assets and transferring them to Ukraine under a counter-measure mechanism;
- Increase humanitarian support, in particular to repair and stabilise Ukraine's energy grid and ensure functioning of heating and water-supply systems to secure safe living conditions for civilians, access to medical care, education, and employment;
- Isolate Russia economically, by imposing a full economic embargo to deprive it of resources to carry out its criminal actions, and applying secondary sanctions on third countries;
- Increase economic, political and diplomatic pressure on states supporting Russian aggression against Ukraine: Belarus, North Korea, Iran;
- Deploy a humanitarian military mission to defend Ukrainian civilians and Ukrainian civilian infrastructure, including nuclear, jointly with Ukraine against Russian air threats;
- Form a Coalition of the Resolute to fight alongside Ukraine to militarily defeat Russia and force it to stop its aggressive foreign policies;
- Expedite the beginning of work of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine to ensure justice and accountability of Russia's political and military leadership and other persons responsible for committing crimes against peace in Ukraine. International justice for Russian crimes must be a critical part of any conflict settlement;
- Petition the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to order Russia to take measures to halt genocide. The ICJ has an authoritative role in galvanising a global response not just to Russian crimes in Ukraine, but for larger global action to prevent genocide in the twenty-first century;
- Petition the International Criminal Court (ICC) to prosecute Russian perpetrators of genocide. Humanity needs international justice for international crimes, in particular those committed by Russian political and military leadership;
- Ensure full co-operation with the ICC and the Special Tribunal on the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine through the transfer of evidence, assistance in the execution of arrest warrants, and provision of funding to these judicial bodies so that they may carry out their important mandates to secure justice for all victims of international crimes;
- Facilitate national prosecution within your jurisdictions of persons responsible for war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide committed in Ukraine within your jurisdictions;

- Demand recognition of the ongoing Russian genocide in international organisations and condemnation of Russia's brazen violations of international humanitarian law;
- Provide financial and institutional support for monitoring and documenting Russian crimes by international and Ukrainian organisations and human-rights groups;
- Introduce screening of Russian citizens entering your country for prior military service in the Russian Armed Forces and for their involvement in the commission of crimes against humanity in Ukraine, ban entry for Russian ex-military;
- Seek Russia's political isolation in international organisations and forums;
- Strengthen measures countering Russian propaganda and disinformation, including the dissemination of the hateful ideology of Ruscism;
- Demand suspension of Russia's voting rights in the United Nations based on the 1974 precedent of the South African Republic delegation's suspension from participation in the work of the General Assembly due to its criminal policy of apartheid;
- Demand reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to remove the veto right from the permanent members, to abolish the permanent seats for the members of the UNSC, and to expand the membership of the Security Council. Humankind needs a functional and responsible UNSC that is capable of performing its duty to maintain world peace, not to protect the perpetrator of war of aggression and genocide.

Defending Ukraine against Russia's barbarism means defending modern human civilisation. Saving Ukrainians is protecting the advances humanity has made in the last 80 years to make the world a safer place for every nation and every human being.

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