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Dear ladies and gentlemen!

Let me pay my respects to you and express my concern about the public calls for a «compromise peace» between Ukraine and Russia conveyed by some members of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW).

In particular, on May 8, 2022, in an interview with *Deutschlandfunk*, the Head of the German branch of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), Dr. Lars Pohlmeier said that peace talks in Ukraine should take into account Russia's interests and as well that providing military assistance to our country should be stopped (<https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/lars-pohlmeier-ippnw-atomkrieg-verhindern-100.html>).

It should be noted that Ukraine has always advocated a peaceful solution to the Donbass issue.

But the kremlin chose war.

Today, the aggressor country pursues a consistent and systematic policy aimed at the mass extermination of Ukraine's population. Their troops are committing massive atrocities and forcible relocation of Ukrainians, including children, to the Russian Federation, blocking the evacuation of civilians and humanitarian supplies, and deliberately destroying infrastructure that provides basic human needs. From the first days of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops, civilians, ambulances, orphanages, hospitals and residential areas have come under fire, missiles and air strikes. During this time, tens of thousands of civilians were killed and wounded, including 221 children killed and 408 children injured.

Since the beginning of the war, the occupiers have deliberately destroyed medical infrastructure. According to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, 40 hospitals have already been completely destroyed and cannot be rebuilt. Another 500 hospitals are damaged, making it impossible to provide medical care. The occupiers looted hospitals, took away everything left after the shelling, banned the treatment of local residents, blocked humanitarian aid of medicines, preventing the population from access to medical care, and

killed medical personnel. During the hostilities, 10 Ukrainian physicians were killed and more than 40 were injured.

Today, russia does not show a desire to end the war through negotiations. Putin's goal remains the same - to destroy our State and Ukrainian people, whose existence he denies.

Therefore, the only way to end the war is to inflict military defeat on the russian army. This point of view is shared by the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Mr. Josep Borrell, as well as by the political leaders in most Western countries.

To fulfill russia's demands, that is, to enslave Ukraine and its people to a totalitarian regime means not to reduce but rather to increase the risk of nuclear war. After all, the kremlin will not stop at Ukraine, a quick victory will provoke russia to a new aggression - already against other Eastern European countries.

The only way to avoid a nuclear catastrophe and achieve peace is to stop aggression on the territory of Ukraine. Once and for all. And to achieve this we need modern and powerful weapons.

I urge my dear colleagues not to cultivate any illusions about the possibility of an agreement with the russian dictator but instead to focus all your efforts on helping Ukraine in the economic, military and medical sectors.

Finally, I would like to thank Germany in general for its comprehensive assistance to Ukraine and, in particular, to the German physicians who take Ukrainian wounded soldiers and seriously ill children for treatment as well as consult and provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Your support is extremely important to us today!

Sincerely,

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