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xenophobia and related intolerance**

**Letter dated 12 October 2023 from the Permanent Representative
of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement by the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the promotion of Ukrainian Nazism and neo-Fascism by the Canadian authorities (see annexes I and II).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 69 (a).

(Signed) V. Nebenzia



Annex I to the letter dated 12 October 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Decision of the State Duma with respect to the statement issued by the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the promotion of Ukrainian Nazism and neo-Fascism by the Canadian authorities

The State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation hereby decides:

1. To adopt the statement by the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the promotion of Ukrainian Nazism and neo-Fascism by the Canadian authorities.
2. To transmit the present decision and the aforementioned statement to the President of the Russian Federation, V.V. Putin, the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation, the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, the United Nations, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union of Belarus and Russia, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Interparliamentary Assembly of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy, the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament, the African Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Association of South-East Asian Nations, the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, the Central American Parliament, the Southern Common Market and parliaments around the world.
3. To transmit the present decision and the aforementioned statement to the Parliamentary Gazette for official publication.
4. The present decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

(Signed) V. V. Volodin

Chair of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
Moscow
26 September 2023

Annex II to the letter dated 12 October 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement by the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the promotion of Ukrainian Nazism and neo-Fascism by the Canadian authorities

The deputies of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation wish to express their extreme indignation and outrage in connection with the cynical insult to the memory of soldiers of the anti-Hitler coalition at a meeting of the House of Commons of Canada on 22 September 2023. Canadian lawmakers saw fit to welcome with a round of applause to the Parliament of Canada 98-year-old SS Nazi veteran Yaroslav Hunka, who served the bloody Third Reich during the Second World War in the Waffen SS “Galicia Division”. This mayhem was timed to coincide with the Canadian authorities’ reception of the leader of the current Ukrainian regime, V. Zelensky, who is the ideological heir to the collaborator Hunka, and who is on yet another world tour to raise funds for the bloodbath into which he has dragged the Ukrainian people. Members of the Government of Canada, led by Prime Minister Trudeau, Western diplomats accredited in Ottawa and activists of the Ukrainian diaspora in Canada also participated in this ceremony of honour.

The true sympathies of the Canadian authorities, directed from Washington and Brussels, are demonstrated by the fact that this pro-fascist ceremony was broadcast unashamedly in the Canadian media, and only a wave of criticism and protests around the world forced the organizers of this event to try to save face. The ridiculous excuses by the Speaker of the lower house of Parliament and the Prime Minister of Canada, citing a lack of information about Hunka, do not stand up to any scrutiny.

The deputies of the State Duma do not consider this egregious event to be an accident, but rather another step in the purposeful and calibrated policy of Canada and the West as a whole to rewrite history for short-term political ends. It has become quite obvious why, for a long time, Canada and a number of other Western countries, as well as Ukraine, which has joined them, have not supported the anti-fascist resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, which prohibit the glorification of Nazism and which are voted for by the overwhelming majority of the world’s countries.

Russia honours its true heroes – Red Army fighters and soldiers of the countries of anti-Hitler coalition, including those Canadian heroes who gave their lives to fight fascism. The shameful actions of the Parliament and Government of Canada are an insult to the graves of the more than 45,000 Canadian citizens who fell bravely during the Second World War. They have flagrantly violated international law by attempting to exonerate war criminals, sadists and murderers, in particular Ukrainian members of SS troops who were responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians in the Soviet Union, Poland, Slovakia and other countries. The Nuremberg Tribunal unequivocally condemned their crimes, which have no statute of limitations. Such actions, aimed at glorifying Nazism in the legislature, also merit legal proceedings.

No one can be allowed to consign to oblivion the sacred memory of the tens of millions of victims of the Second World War who died at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators, such as Hunka.

The deputies of the State Duma declare that they are ready for constructive cooperation with all fellow parliamentarians who share their anti-fascist views and beliefs and who are ready to stand firmly together with them against such attempts to

glorify Ukrainian Nazis and other Nazis of all stripes and their proxies, to combat enmity between peoples, racism, neo-Fascism, Russophobia and other anti-human phobias, and to advocate for the dissemination of historical truth and in memory of the heroes of the Second World War who, at the cost of their lives, won our right to live, love, work, raise children and be happy.
