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**On the escalatory steps in the Ukrainian conflict taken by a number of
NATO and EU member States**

Madam Chairperson,

The statements that have just been made quite clearly pursue but one goal, namely to pin the blame for the escalation on Russia, to present the matter in such a way as to make it seem that our country is somehow engaging in unprovoked actions. However, in reality it is politicians exiting the political limelight in a number of Western countries, above all in the United States of America, who are opting to go down the path of creating ever greater tension.

We stress that the regional conflict in Ukraine provoked by NATO and EU countries has by now already acquired features of a global conflict. The repeated deployment of Western-manufactured long-range weapons to strike at Russian territory constitutes yet another escalatory step by the United States, the United Kingdom and their satellites aimed at undermining stability in Eurasia.

In his statement of 21 November 2024, the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, underscored that the enemy's use of such weapons cannot affect the course of the hostilities in the zone of the special military operation. Moreover, as is known, their use is not possible without the direct involvement of military experts from the manufacturing countries. In that regard, Russia considers itself entitled to use weapons against the military facilities of those countries that allow their weapons to be used against our facilities.

On 21 November, in response to the deployment of US and British long-range weapons, the Russian armed forces carried out a combined strike on a facility in Dnipropetrovsk belonging to Ukraine's military-industrial complex. One of our newest intermediate-range missile systems, called "Oreshnik", was tested in combat conditions; it involved a ballistic missile in a non-nuclear hypersonic configuration. There currently exist no means of countering such a weapon. It must be understood that the deployment of the Oreshnik system is not an escalation, but the response to an escalation provoked by certain Western countries.

According to verified information from the Russian Ministry of Defence, on 23 and 25 November the enemy carried out further strikes on facilities in the Kursk region using US-made ATACMS tactical missile systems. Most of the missiles involved in the attacks were shot down by Russian air defence systems. However, two missiles reached their target in the first attack, while one missile did so in the second. There were casualties. Infrastructure facilities were damaged. The Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation has the situation under control and retaliatory measures are being prepared.

Our country is well placed to find answers to any new challenges and threats. It goes without saying that, in order to ensure the defence and security of our country, the Oreshnik system and other weapons capable of striking the enemy's military facilities will continue to be deployed where and when required.

Thank you for your attention.