

Thierry Meyssan comments on French President Emmanuel Macron's speech on Ukraine. (video)

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Thierry Meyssan: At around 6 a.m., President Putin went home to announce that Russian armed forces were attacking Ukraine.

But this speech was not broadcast in France precisely because in fact three-quarters of this speech does not even mention Ukraine. Three-quarters of this speech focuses on the attitude of the United States since 1945 and above all on what it has been doing since the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

This speech lists the crimes that the United States has committed, from the aggression against Yugoslavia to the events in the Middle East, in Iraq, in Libya, in Syria, etc. And the question that Vladimir Putin raises is when will we be able to make the United States stop destroying the whole world in this way, little by little?

The Ukrainian question only comes later. Because for Vladimir Putin, the Ukrainian issue is only about aid to the People's Republics of Donbass.

And today [Thursday, February 24], at around 1:15 p.m., [French President Emmanuel] Macron addressed the French people to express his support for Ukraine. So, I would like to review what President Macron said because, for me, he is the living example of Western hypocrisy.

At the beginning of his speech, [French President Macron] said that President Putin had broken his word and that he had violated international law.

But it is exactly the opposite.

President Putin always said that he would defend Russian citizens wherever they are. And that is also one of his obligations under the Russian Constitution. He has never broken his word, because since the beginning of the ongoing confrontation – that is, for the last three months – he has always said that he would defend Russia, even with weapons if necessary.

But [Putin] explained, above all, that he wanted to defend international law. I explained this morning [1], and there are really many elements in this regard, which from the point of view of international law, not of “law” according to the

“international community”, which is just a few rules that are not approved by all the States... So, if we go back to international law, President Putin is right. The second thing he [President Macron] said is that he did everything possible to avoid this war. That is also false. It is absolutely false. Yes, President Putin [Actually, he is referring to President Macron. Translator’s note] went to Moscow in good faith to try to reconcile the position of the United States and that of Russia. But if that interview lasted so long – I think 5 hours – it was because Vladimir Putin explained to him all the aspects and ramifications of the problem... which he [Macron] was unaware of. He was unaware above all of the fact that, under the OSCE [Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe] treaties, the entire extension of NATO to the east is illegal, in the light of international law.

After that meeting – where everyone really showed good faith – Sergei Lavrov, the Russian Foreign Minister, sent a letter to France... and also to the other 56 signatory States of the OSCE declaration. [Lavrov] presented these treaties, he made a legal analysis showing... there are no photos but we know what he meant... and there was a letter asking Mr Le Drian, his French counterpart, why did you support the enlargement of NATO if that violates your signature?

And nobody answered !

So Mr Macron did not do “everything possible”. No, no! Mr Macron – when he understood what was happening – ran away and refused to answer.

So, let him not come now to act indignant. He is responsible, as much as others! But he [Macron] is responsible for what is happening.

Third. He [Macron] explained that what is happening in Ukraine is a turning point in European political life. But it is not only in Europe! It is a turning point on a global scale. Did you not see the meeting of the Russian Security Council a few days ago, where President Putin silenced the head of the military secret service because what he wanted to say was not that he would support the recognition of the People's Republics of Donetsk and Lugansk, but that he wanted to put the United States in its place. President Putin told him to calm down, that this was not yet being discussed.

Fourth and final point.

President Macron explained to us that NATO, the European Union, the Council of Europe, the whole world would react by adopting sanctions against Russia.

How? Do NATO, the Council of Europe, the European Union have the legal power to adopt unilateral sanctions? Of course not!

International law recognises the ability to adopt sanctions only to the United Nations Security Council. And to no one else!

The sanctions that the European Union – and France – have already adopted against Russia are illegal, in international law.

In other words, President Macron presents to us as legal things that are totally illegal! And we must assume our responsibilities.

We learned, with the Second World War, that we always have to decide which side we are on. There are those who chose to join Hitler's Germany. Today we have those who have chosen to support the United States in the destruction of States that that country has been committing. Of course... that is far away... it is not here.

But there is another option. The option to defend the Law and our Homeland.

And that must be our option!