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Thierry Meyssan: Good morning.

A few hours ago, the Russian army bombed the part of the Ukrainian army that is linked to NATO. In 3 hours, the Russian army destroyed all Ukrainian anti-aircraft defense and will continue its operation by now attacking the Azov battalion and all the Nazi officials that the United States and the United Kingdom introduced into the Ukrainian government.

That should be good news for everyone, but here in France, this operation is being presented as an invasion against Ukraine and as the next arrival of the Russian bear in Paris. So don't be fooled because there are very important elements that are not mentioned.

They only talk about the aspects that have to do with Ukraine but they don't explain to us the general context. And that general context gives Russia the right, as I will explain to you.

In October, Victoria Nuland, the second in command of the US Secretary of State, traveled to Russia and, in Moscow, threatened to crush the Russian economy and demanded the resignation of President Vladimir Putin. But you never heard about that. Check on the internet. That is very easy to check.

Later, [Victoria Nuland] went to Ukraine and introduced Dimitro Yarosh, a well-known NATO agent since it was he who organized – in 2007 – the great meeting in Mariupol [in Ukraine] where European Nazi organizations allied with jihadists from all over to go and fight against Russia in Chechnya. It was also this Dimitro Yarosh who – in 2014 – with his Right Sector troops, organized the events on Maidan Square and the “regime change” in Ukraine. Afterwards he was wounded, disappeared for a while, and is now back.

So [Victoria Nuland] installed Dimitro Yarosh as special advisor to the commander-in-chief of the Ukrainian army [1], who is a perfectly democratic man, a normal man, but now he has this character [Dimitro Yarosh] behind him. And this character integrated the Azov battalion – which is a truly Nazi group, with Nazi insignia and everything, and which is led by the “White Fuhrer” [Andrey Biletsky] [2] – into the Ukrainian army. This is news that should have frightened us all... but the media in France never reported on it.

So the Russians prepared their response.

In December, they sent the United States a proposal for a treaty guaranteeing peace. In this proposal, they demand that the United States respect international law, as it was developed over time, first by the French government, by the government of the Tsarist empire – in 1899, at the Hague Conference – and later formulated in the United Nations Charter – in 1945 – and by the Third World countries – in 1955, with the Bandung Principles.

This treaty is clearly unacceptable to the United States, because for 70 years the United States has been violating international law on a daily basis and is trying to replace it with a set of rules that the United States has set, to the point that it even claims that its allies are an

“international community”. Well... [these countries] are not even half of the world's population, but they claim to rule the world.

The Russians are calling first and foremost for NATO to withdraw from Central and Eastern European countries that should never have become members of the bloc if the agreement of the Potsdam Conference in 1945, at the end of the Second World War, had been respected, which stipulated that US forces could only be deployed west of the Oder-Neisse border, which separates Poland and Germany. Later, at the time of German reunification, France was very insistent that NATO should not be expanded eastwards, and there was even a long debate as to whether NATO forces should be allowed in the eastern part of Germany – the former GDR – or whether they should be limited only to the western part of the then Federal Republic of Germany.

Finally, an agreement was reached – signed by France – stipulating that the former East Germany should become part of NATO within the framework of reunification, but that there should be no further enlargement of NATO beyond that.

And this was repeated several times, firstly within the OSCE – the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, born out of the Helsinki Accords – where 57 States signed two declarations. Fifty-seven States! All the States of the European continent and others, since, for example, the United States and Canada are also members!

The OSCE recognised, in the Istanbul Declaration in 1999 and in the Astana Declaration in 2010, that, first of all, any State can become a member of the military alliance of its choice – France, for example, is a member... it signed the North Atlantic Treaty, it is an ally of the United States.

But, secondly, it was also recognised that no State, no State!, can guarantee its own security to the detriment of the security of others. And from that point of view, NATO membership is illegal, illegal! Because NATO is not a confederation in which everyone is equal, but a federation under the command of the United States and the United Kingdom, while the other states are vassals of the United States and the United Kingdom.

And France, unfortunately, returned to NATO, with [President] Nicolas Sarkozy, returned to NATO, which it had left with General de Gaulle in 1966. General de Gaulle had expelled all the American occupation forces from French territory... that was the term he used, “the American occupation forces”. That’s not me saying it! But we [the French] have put ourselves back in a position of vassalage to the United States.

So Russia has asked for the withdrawal of NATO forces from the entire territory of Central and Eastern Europe. But they can remain signatories of the North Atlantic Treaty. That is not the problem.

And international law will also have to be applied in Western Europe. International law, for example, prohibits the installation of nuclear weapons in countries that do not possess such weapons.

So, for example, why are there [nuclear] weapons from the United States in Italy or in the Netherlands? It is absolutely a violation of international law. And that will have to be stopped.

It must be realised that the United States is no longer the world's leading economic power. It is China.

And it is no longer the world's leading military power. It is Russia. During the war in Syria – a war lost by NATO forces – Russia tested all kinds of new weapons that cannot be compared to NATO weapons. And last weekend Russia showed that it has the means to nuclearly destroy any target anywhere in the world without being able to prevent it because it has – as it demonstrated – hypersonic means that it used from submarines, from surface naval units, from aircraft and from mobile land units. It can fire these hypersonic means and destroy whatever it wants. It is impossible to intercept them because they move too fast. At the moment there is no way to intercept them. In a few minutes they can destroy whatever they want and we have to ask ourselves whether one day they will have to use such weapons against the Pentagon, the White House or the US Congress.

I am not saying this as a provocation. What I am saying is that if Russia were to do so, the United States would not have time to intercept these means, nor would it even have time to use its own nuclear weapons.

Let us take things seriously and respect international law. This is what we all want. And it is in everyone's interest. So bravo for what Russia has just done today!

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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!