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Distinguished Chairman and Honourable Participants!

Let me remind the humanitarian challenges, including in the context of Russian aggression against Ukraine, attempted annexation of Crimea and four Ukrainian mainland regions.

I will start from my own experience, as father of my eight years old son, officer of Ukrainian Army, was prisoner of war, captured by Russian army in Kherson Region in 2022 and exchanged in 2024. He was kept in Russia-occupied Crimea and later in Russia itself, being tortured by Russian punitive personnel and being kept there in inhuman and degrading conditions.

I will not stop on issues of Russia's gross and permanent violations of III Geneva Convention, they are clear part of Russian common genocidal attempt to destroy every Ukrainian, and I am sure that everybody in this room is well aware of it.

But I want to remind to delegates of OSCE participating states, that You do represent the Geneva Conventions' High Contracting Parties, and You have not only obligations to respect their demands, but You have a clear duty to ensure respect for the present Convention in all circumstances.

Russia refused to execute demands of Geneva Convention in part of Protecting Powers, whose duty it is to safeguard the interests of the Parties to the conflict. Such refusal must be punished by all civilized nations despite of their sympathies to Ukrainians or to democracy.

Tolerating negligence to Geneva demands in current conflict brings war to Your doors much faster than You think.

Russia misuses the weakness and corruption in Red Cross structures in Geneva and they never were so weak as now, never since times of their visits to Nazi death camps as alleged resorts. Will Swiss Government and other civilized nations tolerate further carte blanche for Russian intelligence under Red Cross banner?

Will they tolerate Russian terroristic activities as it continues with case of Berlin nest of so-called "lawyers" for Ukrainian "Document" state Enterprise like Karl Eckstein and others?

It is not the Ukrainian issue, but the challenge for security and cooperation in Europe.

Duty to protect victims of aggression crimes, of genocide and war crimes, is essential for OSCE bodies also and I call to OSCE Mission in Ukraine enforce own activities.

We call all civilized OSCE States to execute the demand of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and to call upon the competent organs of the United Nations to take such action under the Charter of the United Nations as they consider appropriate for the prevention and suppression of acts of genocide, that is committing by Russia in Ukraine, and to initiate relevant additional investigation in the International Criminal Court.

We also call all civilized member States to start national criminal investigation against Russian highest officials on issue of committed genocide and war crimes regarding principle of universal jurisdiction.

Our Association is ready for next co-operation on above-pointed issues with international structures.

Thank You for Your attention!