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On possible WMD-provocations in Ukraine

I bring to the attention of the Government of Canada, the Diplomatic Corps in Ottawa, the leading Canadian media outlets and expert community the following issue of concern.

As outlined today, April 23, 2022, by the Russian Ministry of Defence during the special briefing, the Russian Federation possesses credible information that the Western security services under the guidance of the U.S. have been planning and preparing to stage a false-flag provocation in Ukraine using chemical, biological or nuclear WMDs in order to impose responsibility on the Russian Armed Forces.

That may include use of chemical and biological weapons to cause civilian toll, acts of sabotage at the Ukrainian facilities in Kiev and Kharkov involved in the handling of WMD-components, a provocation at the nuclear power plant in Zaporozhye currently under the Russian control, and a strike on the radioactive waste storage facility in Kamenskoye, Dnepropetrovsk region.

The other scenarios are the covert tailored use of WMD at Azovstal in Mariupol or use of WMD in towns of Slavyansk and Kramatorsk.

Kiev regime has all the necessary resources to implement such criminal intent, including nuclear-power and radiowaste storage infrastructure, military-grade biolaboratories with a wide range of dangerous pathogens, and chemical precursors for producing CWs.

The high likelihood of the abovementioned provocations is also suggested by the recently intensified numerous statements from the Western officials preparing the public opinion for such incidents allegedly to be carried out by Russia.

We warn that shall such acts happen, the full responsibility will be upon the U.S. administration, its closest supporters and the puppet regime in Kiev that was documented of having committed horrendous crimes against its own civilian population.

We remind that the only country in the world that has used nuclear weapons on civilian population is the U.S. (Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 1945). The only country in the world that has used chemical weapons is the U.S. (in Vietnam). The only country in the world that has not destroyed as provided by the Chemical Weapons Convention its CWs is the U.S.

I have specifically instructed my staff to convey this statement to the major Canadian media outlets.

(NOTE: You can access the full information outlined via the Embassy's accounts in Twitter, Telegram, VK with links to the original posts by the Russian Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs.)