

Ukrainian Parties Warn Of Civil War, WWII

On the eve of the April 17 quadrilateral negotiations in Geneva, 27 leaders of Ukrainian parties and organizations appealed to UN, European, and U.S. officials to promote exclusively “peaceful negotiations” as the pathway to a resolution of conflicts within Ukraine, rather than promoting civil war and risking the detonation of World War III. The statement, published below, charged that the current regime in Kiev was illegally installed and is continuing the neo-Nazi slogans of the Euromaidan insurgency, by which the Feb. 22 coup against Ukraine’s elected President was made. Thus, these Ukrainian activists are in total disagreement with the U.S. State Department, whose spokesman on April 18 repeated the view that there was no coup and the current authorities are legitimate.

The citation in the appeal of calls to “shoot ‘separatists’” refers to Member of Parliament Iryna Farion of the racist Svoboda Party, which holds three ministerial portfolios and the Prosecutor General’s Office in the coup-installed regime; Earlier this month Farion told an interviewer that Kiev should be “much tougher” on anti-coup protesters in eastern Ukraine. “I would have simply have shot them,” she said, “Listen, the enemy is ruling on our land. . . . They should have been driven out of here back in 1654. The measures should be much tougher. Because these creatures who are coming here deserve only one thing: death. (1654 refers to the Treaty of Pereyaslav between Ukrainian Cossack Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytsky and the Russian Tsar Alexander Mikhailovich.)

Many of the signers were also signatories on a Jan. 25 appeal ([EIR](#), Jan. 31, 2014) for world action to prevent the coup, which highlighted the neo-Nazi symbols of the Euromaidan, as well as the threat to Ukraine’s economy and sovereignty from the Association Agreement with the European Union, the rejection of which by then-President Victor Yanukovich in November 2013 served as the pretext for the regime-change action that was named the Euromaidan. Three of the, signers, Natalia Vitrenko, Volodymyr Marchenko, and Valeri Sergachov, toured Europe in February-March to expose the Western-backed neo-Nazi revival and coup in Ukraine ([EIR](#), March 7, 2014).



Natalia Vitrenko, a signer of the appeal, toured Europe in February to expose the ongoing coup in Ukraine.

‘Stop the War of the Self-Proclaimed Ukrainian Authorities Against Their Own People!’

To: UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, President of the European Union, Herman Van Rompuy, and President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin

We, leaders of Ukrainian political parties and public organizations, urgently request that you take all measures necessary to stop the civil war in Ukraine, defend the civilian population of southeast Ukraine against political repression, humiliation, and physical elimination by illegal bands of ultraradicals, the National Guard that has been set up for punitive actions, and the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

We draw your attention to the fact that yesterday’s oppositionists, who proclaimed neo-Nazi slogans like “Ukraine for Ukrainians,” “Stab the Muscovites,” and “Glory to the nation—death to the enemies!” and held mass torch marches with Nazi insignia and portraits of Nazi collaborators Bandera and Shukhevych, have now become the government, as a result of a coup d’état. And now, as representatives of the government, they are continuing to talk about “the physical destruction of 8 million Russians,” shooting “separatists,” and so

forth, in contradiction to the norms and principles of international law and the Constitution of Ukraine. Acting on a neo-Nazi attitude toward national minorities and the Russian-speaking population, as being ethnic groups that are hostile to the creation of a mono-ethnic state, the Acting President of Ukraine has decided to use the Armed Forces against civilians, violating the ban on this, stated in Article 17 of the Constitution of Ukraine.

We believe that the authorities in Ukraine are committing illegal acts, punishable by law, from the standpoint of the December 9, 1948 Genocide Convention, Article 3. The rights of citizens of Ukraine, guaranteed by the Constitution of Ukraine, the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights, the European Convention on the Defense of Human Rights and Basic Freedoms, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and the UN Charter, are being violated. The Russian-speaking population of southeastern Ukraine has been falsely labeled “separatists,” thus subverting its right to defend its rights and freedoms, dignity, life, and security against infringement by the neo-Nazis who have seized power.

We are convinced that demands to give the Russian language the status of an official language and to shift Ukraine to a federative form of organization have nothing in common with separatism, but, on the contrary, are mechanisms for preserving Ukraine as a single, democratic state, providing justice and development for the southeastern regions within it.

Instead, a decision has been taken to use the Armed Forces of Ukraine—tanks, artillery, Grad rocket-launchers, airplanes, helicopters, and missiles—to kill the country’s people, covering these actions with propaganda lies about “separatism,” “terrorism,” and “Russian interference.”

In reality, the Ukrainian Army has already brought tanks and APCs into the Donbass. There are casualties. This is a war, declared against the country’s people.

We condemn it! Peaceful negotiations, consideration of the legitimate demands of the culturally Russian population, and a ban on neo-Nazi parties and movements is the pathway to a democratic resolution of the conflict. The “force” scenario is the pathway to a fratricidal war in Ukraine and the unleashing of a Third World War on the European continent.

We ask your immediate intervention for a solution to the crisis.

Respectfully,

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