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Intervention of **Senator Grzegorz Bierecki** (Poland)

Whether it was Tsarist, Soviet or led by Putin, Russia has not changed over the centuries. It is driven by the same imperial instincts, repeating the same scheme: conquest, genocide, colonization, and then seeking a silent acceptance of the status quo, bribing the international community through a mirage of economic cooperation.

Moscow has no shame in openly repeating this imperialist scheme in Ukraine now. This is why Moscow's imperialism must end forever.

We should be aware that Putin and his gang of war criminals are not the cause, but the consequence of the problem, the root of which is the authoritarian and imperial essence of Moscow.

The European Parliament and many other parliaments around the globe have labelled the Russian Federation a terrorist state. This terrorist organization, shell be seen as the last colonial empire in Europe. The principle of self-determination of nations should start working in the Russian Federation. Otherwise, Russia will continue to create constant threats, destabilization, hybrid attacks and wars for its neighbors and other countries and enslave and oppress its own citizens.

The international community has the obligation to support indigenous nations of Russian Federation. The victims of Russian imperialism should be able to rebuild their own statehoods, exercise their right to celebrate their heritage, and determine their own future.

Dissolution of the Soviet Union was a catastrophe for Putin and his KGB colleagues. For the Baltics, Ukrainians, Georgians and many others it was blessing. We cannot refuse to bring freedom to the harassed and discriminated many ethnic minorities of the Russian Federation.

There are no such things as Russian gas, oil, aluminium , diamonds, gold, etc. All such resources are Tatar, Bashkir, Siberian, Karelian, Oirat, Buryat, Sakha, Ural, Kuban, and Nogai, etc.