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Ladies and gentlemen! Fellow parliamentarians!

I am perfectly aware that we're facing different problems in different regions and countries. But if I am to be credible in talking about the subject of this assembly, I need to speak about the issues that concern my part of the world the most, which today is the unlawful Russian aggression against Ukraine.

But actually, it is not only my part of the world: one of the effects of this unlawful aggression is the food crisis that affects many countries on the African continent and elsewhere. It also creates a very dangerous precedent for those countries all over the globe, which may be concerned about the potential threats to their sovereignty.

Any discussion regarding peaceful coexistence, which is the topic of this debate, must be based on truth and facts if it's going to be anything more than casual small talk. We've heard yesterday, the day before, and even probably will hear in a moment, claims that have nothing to do with the actual reality.

Let me be clear: there is no 'crisis in Ukraine', and there's no civil war going on there - this is by the way an extremely disgusting and bold lie. There are no two points of view, as the Russian delegates would like to believe. There is just barbaric aggression carried out by Russia. There are attacks on civilian infrastructure. There are rapings of women and children as means of war. Can you imagine? What kind of monster rapes a child! Children are also being kidnapped, taken away from their parents, and sent to Russia. This is genocide. This is the exact definition of genocide.

Our goal as parliamentarians should be restoring the rules-based order, upholding international law, and bringing those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity to justice. I encourage you all to work towards achieving these goals. It is impossible to talk about peaceful coexistence without that.