## Conclusion of the debate on Ukraine

To respond to Roger's conclusion on the debate over the war in Ukraine.

We note with satisfaction the assertions by Roger that he never said that Russia should be supported, that Russia is not a victim but the aggressor and that as such the Ukrainian people have full rights and wholeheartedly in self-defense to guarantee its sovereignty and freedom. We record Roger's remarks that Putin's threats to Ukraine are clearly threats of extermination as a people and a nation, far beyond the pretense of "denazification".

These words from Roger are very positive but... the rest spoils his excellent statements.

Thus, it is his theory of "3 wars" which postulates the coexistence of three conflicts:

- the legitimate war of self-defense of Ukraine against the Russian invasion,
- the NATO/Russia war, "the proxy war"
- the Ukrainian civil war between Ukrainian-speaking western inhabitants and Russian-speaking eastern inhabitants.

The last two conflicts mentioned legitimize Putin's cause and weaken the right to self-determination of Ukrainians. Indeed, if NATO is guilty of waging its "proxy war" then even if Putin is brutal and very mean, he is still less at fault. Likewise, if Ukrainian speakers "persecute" Russian speakers, which is the justification for the annexation of Donbass and Crimea in 2014 by Russian special forces and then for the low-intensity war which resulted from 2014 to 2022, then we return to square one: everyone is at fault and the balance of everyone's sins allows us to say that it is time to move towards peace by seeking an immediate ceasefire and opening of peace negotiation. And yes, war is not good!

With this build, Roger buries Ukrainian legitimacy in the first war listed here. And brings an involuntary guarantee to Putin's action.

The famous NATO/Russia war is unique in that if Trump had won the election in 2020, there would never have been any arms deliveries. Likewise, if a Republican majority arrived in the Senate and the House of Representatives, arms deliveries would be immediately stopped or obstructed via a systematic parliamentary obstruction against the actions of Jo Biden. Funny war!

For our part, we consider that US and Western arms deliveries are insufficient and always designed at a minimum to just allow Ukraine to hold on but not to win.

As for the thesis of the civil war, its background is the linguistic question. 80% of Ukrainians are Russian speakers and 80% of the speeches, slogans and banners of the Maïdan protesters in 2014 were expressed in Russian! Behind the invention of the category of "ethnic Russians" there is a deliberate confusion about another reality: among Russian speakers in Ukraine, there are two categories, those with Ukrainian national feeling and those with Russian national feeling.

With such reasoning, it would be legitimate for the British army to immediately reoccupy all of Ireland to "protect the English speakers" from the actions of the very slim minority of Gaellic speakers. There is no doubt that the abuses perpetrated by the Russian army will push and have already pushed many Russian speakers to repudiate the use of this language in favor of Ukrainian.

It is true that the fascistic nationalists or "banderists" carry out actions against the use of the Russian

language which must be combated without detour, such as the pounding of cultural or scientific works written or printed in Russian in universities. The Ukrainian left opposed these regressive actions which in no way strengthen the Ukrainian cause.

The best solution remains for the aggression and occupation to cease immediately with the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from the entire territory. The sooner this objective is achieved, the sooner the number of civilian and military victims of this war will stop growing, the sooner the resolution of the fundamental problems of Ukrainian society can be addressed in a political, peaceful and democratic manner.

The solution of the ceasefire and the opening of negotiations is also a means of leading to negotiations between great powers to the detriment of the Ukrainians but also of the other peoples of the region (Russians, Belarusians, small colonized peoples of the Russian Federation, Armenians, Georgians, Baltics). The ceasefire is the surest way to allow the Russian army to reorganize and prepare for its next offensive. Ceasefire is the most direct path to the next war!

The US and NATO are not entities dedicated to promoting world revolution, they fear only one thing: the downfall of Putin through military defeat or an uprising of the weary Russian people of war, suffering and human loss. All the great powers can only fear a defeat for Russia and the fall of Putin. The fall of Putin is not only about the personal destiny of an individual, it is also the fate of an entire system of predation which is the form taken by the full and complete restoration of capitalism in Russia.

The US priority remains confrontation with China. Incidentally, strengthening NATO is a means of controlling the countries of the European Union, particularly Germany. The relaunch of NATO in Europe owes everything to the action of Putin, who deserves the title of model commercial agent for the year 2022, while waiting to receive this title for the year 2023. Trump during his presidency had ostensibly abandoned this institution. The bourgeoisies of France and Germany are waiting for only one thing: the resumption of economic exchanges with Russia. François Fillon and Nicolas Sarkozy are Vladimir's great friends. Just like a Gerard Schroder, prominent director of Gazprom! And in France, the military hierarchy is Russophile just as it was Serbophile during the 90s Balkan War. Within the Foreign Legion, a major French military institution, the Ukrainian legionnaires are persecuted by the Russian legionnaires with the implicit approval of the hierarchy...

Finally, to conclude, Roger expressed the wish to meet the Ukrainian socialists of our acquaintance. We take him at his word and propose that within a month WIN organize such an exchange during a public Zoom meeting on a Sunday.

Thank you for your attention.

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