Press release

The president of the Russian Federation Council and co-organizer of the annexation of Crimea and the aggressive war in Eastern Ukraine, Valentina Matvienko, was invited for October 19th, 2016 to Switzerland by the president of the Swiss Council of States, Raphaël Comte.

Matvienko at the signing ceremony for the annexation of Crimea 2014

While Putin’s Russia wages war in Ukraine and Syria killing thousands of people, Swiss MP’s prepare a red carpet for this Russian warmonger belonging to the very inner circle of Putin’s – to discuss economic and political cooperation opportunities.

Matvienko at the signing ceremony for the annexation of Crimea 2014

Pro Russian terrorists savaging the crash site of flight #MH17, which was shot down by a Russian BUK missile in July 2014 (source: Bellingcat and Bild Newspaper) https://www.bellingcat.com/?s=mh17

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Originally this visit was planned in 2013 by Council of States MP Filippo Lombardi (CVP/Ticino), well known as notorious friend of Putin’s Russia and promoter of settling rich Russians in Ticino1). Why the current president of the Council of States, Raphaël Comte (FDP/Neuchâtel), agreed to host Ms. Matvienko, is a mystery. Definitely hard to comprehend is the very strong support by Hans-Peter Portmann (FDP/Zurich), member of the National Council and deputy Division Head of LGT Bank Switzerland, responsible for servicing wealthy Private Bank Customers “market Switzerland” 2).

Are these MP’s actively pursuing to curry favor with Ms. Matvienko, who is on the EU, US and SECO sanctions lists, and to lay the base for discussions of a Free Trade Agreement with Russia?

How can these MP’s seek actively a more intense trade relationship with high ranking members of an authoritarian and corrupt regime, on whose hands there is more blood every day?

It is already hard to swallow that Swiss officials refuse to name Russia as the aggressor in Ukraine and Syria – and all that due to a wrongly interpreted «neutrality».

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No business as usual with Putin’s Russia until the last Russian soldier has left Ukraine (including Crimea)!

1) http://www.nzz.ch/schweiz/abstimmungen/tessin-das-eldorado-fuer-vermoegende-nicht-eu-auslaender-1.18424653

2) https://twitter.com/HPPortmann/status/763252834783600640 and http://wp.me/p5lvUD-1ir

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