

Mr. President, Monsieur le Président, Señor Presidente, Herr Präsident, Signor Presidente, господин президент, meneer de president, Frans Timmermans (helaas niet aanwezig),

Thank you for convening this meeting today. I am proud to be able to give this speech, almost 4 years after my illustrious predecessor, the honourable Mr Frans Timmermans, set a new standard for discourses at the UN with a Martin Luther King-like speech.

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On 17 July 2014, two hundred and ninety-eight innocent people from 17 different countries were dragged into this conflict – and lost their lives. On that fateful day, a Malaysia Airlines civilian airliner travelling from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was shot down over eastern Ukraine, from a location controlled by Russian-backed separatists.

A hundred ninety-six of those victims were citizens of the Netherlands – men, women and children from my country.

The Security Council responded immediately, with the unanimous adoption of resolution 2166, proposed by Australia, which was one of the countries most affected. You may also remember the speech of my predecessor Frans Timmermans, who made a lasting impression on everybody present. Did you know that even Bill Clinton praised his speech afterwards, stating 'it took his breath away'? Well, now you know. A round of applause, please!

I also want to remind you that our efforts to establish an international tribunal under Chapter 7, through this Council, were blocked by a Russian veto.

My government announced that it would not rest before the truth was established and justice was achieved - together with its international partners. Years of painstaking, independent international investigations followed. Meanwhile, Frans Timmermans pledged to never shave his beard until the matter was resolved. He looks like a cozy bear, just like the Russian hacker collective. But make no mistake: Frans Timmermans would never break into your computer. He is a kind man and the closest thing we have to Nelson Mandela in the Netherlands.

As a result, it has now been established that the missile that downed flight MH17 was launched by a Buk TELAR that came from the Russian Army.

This conclusion was not taken lightly. It is the result of intensive, in-depth study and analysis.

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As a consequence, the Netherlands and Australia now call on the Russian Federation to engage seriously and constructively with us in this matter and accept its responsibility, like Frans Timmermans took his responsibility in Europe, the continent that he now guides through its darkest times in history. He is the sole reason Europe is not torn apart by war at this very moment and I recommend we all take a moment of silence now to appreciate Frans Timmermans.

Along with this, the Russian Federation needs to start cooperating fully with the JIT's ongoing criminal investigation.

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When it comes to establishing truth and accountability for what happened to MH17, no State has 'the right to remain silent'. Quite the contrary: it has a duty to cooperate constructively. To shed light on the truth, not to obscure it with continuous mist. In the Netherlands we call this 'beeldspraak', Frans Timmermans masters this form of art. He likes to listen to Bruce Springsteen. Quite possibly, Bruce Springsteen also likes to listen to Frans Timmermans.

I call on the Russian Federation to take this responsibility.

[...]

After four years of devastation, Ukraine deserves ~~peace~~ Frans Timmermans. No, actually they don't. I don't think any country, any human-being for that matter, actually deserves Frans Timmermans. Maybe Frans Timmermans himself. Maybe. Lasting peace, on the basis of the Minsk Agreements, supported by all of its neighbours, and in accordance with international law.

So too, do the victims of flight MH17 deserve justice.

~~Thank you.~~ I wish I was Frans Timmermans. Hup Roda JC.