PREFACE

Because of the extremely urgent and dramatic importance of the topic (each day without peace means many deaths and misery) it seemed the right thing for a philosopher who should live fully in the real world and not in an ivory tower, to propose a philosophically deeply reflected peace plan, a peace convention not based on deals or mere compromises but on truth and justice. For the same reason, it seemed appropriate to publish this proposal in as many languages as possible in case a politician or wise men in these countries can contact the Russian and Ukrainian authorities and defend this peace plan based on truth and justice. I publish them in this multilingual book, which has been translated into 26 languages by the world's best AI-based translator, DeepL. (A Hebrew and one or two other translations will follow). [1] Since I found the translations of the original English text into the five languages in which I am fluent almost perfect and ready to print, requiring only insignificant revisions that did not touch their substance, I decided to publish all these translations before having each of them examined by a native speaker, which would have been a very slow process. A number of native speakers in the other languages have kindly agreed to revise 10 different translations, such that more than half of these texts have been revised by speakers fluent in the respective language. It seems more important now that some people act immediately on behalf of peace than it is to protect my academic satisfaction in having fulfilled all the requirements of a thorough linguistic analysis and revision of all these texts.

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[1] Professor Josef Maria Seifert has called for peace in 26 languages. Due to space limitations, this journal can only publish 9 of them, and we kindly ask for forgiveness from the readers on behalf of the two editors.