

The OSCE Secretariat bears no responsibility for the content of this document and circulates it without altering its content. The distribution by OSCE Conference Services of this document is without prejudice to OSCE decisions, as set out in documents agreed by OSCE participating States.

PC.DEL/279/19  
15 March 2019

ENGLISH  
Original: RUSSIAN

Delegation of the Russian Federation

**STATEMENT BY MR. ALEXANDER LUKASHEVICH,  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION,  
AT THE 1220th MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

14 March 2019

**In response to the report by the Department of State of the United States of  
America on the global human rights situation in 2018**

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to say a few words on the report that was presented by my distinguished colleagues from the United States of America. We are compelled to note that, as before, the document is replete with politicized assessments and crude clichés. Depending on the level of “democracy” ascribed to States in a rather categoric way, they are portrayed either as major violators of human rights or as having embarked on the road to reform. Assessments of the human rights situation are made in a cynical manner and include direct attacks against the authorities of sovereign States. This approach is fully consistent with the double standards applied by the United States based on the degree of loyalty of a particular government to the US Government.

At the same time, the report still fails to cover the very unfavourable situation with human rights, democracy and the rule of law in the United States. Growing systemic problems are being ignored, including deep-seated racism, the scale of xenophobia, the activity of extreme right-wing organizations, impunity for inhuman treatment and torture, widespread wiretapping in the United States and beyond, and other pressing challenges.

It is time for the US Government to stop lecturing those who do not need it and to seriously address the problems at home.

Thank you for your attention.