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Thank you, Mister Moderator.

We would like to use this opportunity to respond to the statements of Russian Federation and LICHR.

We would like to reiterate that all sovereign states are free to control and decide on the entry of foreigners. It is important to stress that this principle is in full accordance with principles of international law as well as relevant OSCE commitments. Thus it is possible to refuse entrance in these cases based on law and states are not obliged to substantiate or justify these decisions.

With the regard to the black-list and inclusion of individuals to this list to whom entrance to the country is prohibited on security grounds, we would like to explain that everyone can check whether his or her name is in the list at the webpage of the Ministry of Interior.

As concerns the cases mentioned here today, we do not comment on the reasons why certain individuals were prohibited entering the country. Every person has the right to get access to the decision in such cases and contest the decision as provided by the law.

Thank you, Mister Moderator.