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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**Regarding the United States Senate inquiry**

Mr. Chairperson,

We have listened with interest to the information by our United States colleagues about the published findings on the use of torture in the United States of America. The release of only of a 528-page extract from the report, which is almost 7,000 pages long, was possible in particular thanks to the active intervention of Ms. Dianne Feinstein, chairperson of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

As can be seen from the material disclosed, the detainees in the secret torture chambers were subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment, including having their faces slammed against a wall, being deprived of sleep for 180 hours, left without clothes, put in icy baths or held in rooms with loud music playing all the time. The guards threatened physical reprisals against their families, including children. During interrogations, methods such as waterboarding and other cruel means of extracting confessions were used, frequently on innocent people.

As Senator McCain noted, this information no doubt came as no surprise to the international community as a whole. We will nevertheless carefully study the report and reserve the right to return to this subject. We hope that the remainder of the report, which took more than five years to write, will be made public sooner or later.

One thing that is already clear today is that for ten years none of the perpetrators have been punished for their actions. At the same time there is the question of the complicity in these crimes of the governments of the countries (their names have been deleted in the report) that allowed secret prisons to be located on their territory.

The document, even in its “summarized” form, vividly confirms that as far as the rule of law and safeguarding of human rights are concerned, the current situation in no way tallies with the claim by the United States of America to be the standard-bearer of democracy.

Transparency is obviously important, but we believe that following this Senate inquiry the United States authorities should be paying particular attention to the inadmissibility of impunity and to the restoration of justice.

Thank you for your attention.