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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On ongoing gross violations of the rights of the Russian and Russian-speaking
population in some OSCE participating States**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

I apologize for having to take the floor again, especially since what I want to say has already been said in my main statement.

Once again, the discussion is off-topic. We argue that the suppression of the rights of Russians and Russian-speaking people in some OSCE participating States is a violation of everything imaginable: both OSCE human dimension commitments and the fundamental United Nations human rights documents. In response, we hear that Russophobia is – I quote the words of the representative of the European Union – a “sensible and rational outcry”. What is this? Is this a new human rights term? So let’s agree on it among ourselves. Then maybe some things will make more sense.

Once again, the argument boils down to “it’s your own fault”. I already mentioned this in my statement. Well then, we will continue to bring it up. So far, the dialogue is not working out.

Thank you.