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On the report by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia on neo-Nazism

Madam Chairperson,

The annual report on the situation with the glorification of Nazism and the spread of neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance has been published on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.¹

The report is traditionally based on information from international and national human rights organizations. It contains evidence of manifestations of racism and the glorification of Nazism, whitewashing of Nazi accomplices, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. At the same time, it includes examples of the successful experiences of a number of countries in combating these phenomena through legislative and law enforcement measures.

We are confident that the review will be useful both to participating States and to the relevant executive structures of our Organization.

In addition, the report provides objective data to show how serious the threat of neo-Nazism and the revival of Nazi ideology is in the world, and especially in the OSCE area. It is therefore imperative that the fight against these dangerous phenomena be included in our Organization's agenda, particularly in the framework of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting. To stand in the way of this is to condone, if not encourage, such contemporary forms of racism.

Thank you for your attention.

1 https://www.mid.ru/ru/foreign_policy/humanitarian_cooperation/-/asset_publisher/bB3NYd16mBFC/content/id/4915826