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**STATEMENT BY MR. DMITRY BALAKIN,  
DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 1098th MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On Ms. Nadiya Savchenko**

Mr. Chairperson,

There have not been any substantial changes in the circumstances of Ms. Nadiya Savchenko that would warrant publicity.

The prisoner is being held under normal conditions. Access to the consul is ensured in accordance with the law.

Unlike the aforementioned Igor Astakhov, who died on 23 April in the Odessa Pre-Trial Detention Centre, and the lawyer Yury Grabovsky, who was killed, as well as the Russian journalists who perished in the summer of 2014, Ms. Savchenko feels pretty good. So do her lawyers, by the way.

We will certainly report to Moscow that Ukraine, as well as the representatives of the Netherlands, the United States of America and Canada, wishes to give further political resonance to the situation surrounding Ms. Savchenko, for reasons that are not entirely clear to us.

Thank you for your attention.