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## **Right of Reply of Romania**

in response to the statement of the Russian Federation on agenda item 2 "Report by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine" of the 1321<sup>st</sup> PC meeting held on 24 June 2021

Since the name of my country has been mentioned by the distinguished representative of the Russian Federation, I would like to exercise the right of reply. Information was provided also previously, during the OSCE Permanent Council on 10 June 2021.

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, The Romanian authorities have detected and seized at the border crossing point Isaccea a shipment of 2.850 guns in a car that has been transiting Romania. This can only be interpreted as a solid proof of the professionalism and the dedicated work of the Romanian Police and of the Border Guard.

It is an isolated case that is currently under investigation for criminal activities, under the coordination of the prosecutor from the regional prosecutor's office.

As the investigation is ongoing, we have been informed that no further information can be made available as of now.

Against this background, no artificial connection should be made between the isolated case from Isaccea and the conflict in and around Ukraine.

I kindly request this statement to be attached to the journal of the day.