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**Additional Right of reply by the Delegation of Republic of Finland under
agenda item 1**

Thank You Mr. Chairperson, I would like to use my Right of Reply.

A few words considering Russia's allegations about western media. Last year, among the ten countries with the most press freedom in the world were i.a. Norway, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Portugal. All western and European nations. The Finnish press has been selected as number one on this ranking eight times in recent years.

In Finnish media, the Russian delegation may follow neutral, unbiased, non-state controlled and non-corrupt news in their own language, since the major Finnish media houses cover news also in Russian language.

As you can see, if the Russian delegation is misled and misinformed, there is an easy fix – following Finnish media. There you can see the ugly face of war, the war of aggression, war that the Russian Federation has unprovoked brought on Ukraine.

If however the Russian delegation does not lack the information, but knowingly repeats the lies and propaganda of Kremlin, or even fabricates these lies by itself, it lacks something else – namely a heart. That is more difficult to fix.

Thank You Mr. Chairperson.