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Estonian delegation, Right of reply

Mister Moderator,

dear Madam High Commissioner,

Since my country has been mentioned today I would like to use the right of reply to set some of the claims made here today straight.

First, any accusation of so called "glorification of Nazism" is not valid. Vice versa, Estonian government has repeatedly condemned the crimes of Nazis and other totalitarian regimes. Such accusations are merely attempts to misinform, create mistrust and only serve some dubious propaganda interests, and are deeply offensive to our people.

Secondly, to the contrary what was said here, Estonia is among few countries where all long-term residents regardless of their citizenship along with people with undetermined citizenship have the right to vote on local elections and participate fully in public life.

Thirdly, I wish to assure that Estonia is providing and will continue to provide education in and of minority languages in all levels of the school system.

Thank you.