



United States Mission to the OSCE

Right of Reply

Working Session 5

Specifically selected topic: Safety of journalists

As delivered by Ambassador James S. Gilmore III
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The United States wishes to refute – strongly refute – the misguided statement that was made during the proceedings here that was asserting that the Western media cast blame falsely for the Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 and attributed it falsely to Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

In fact, this tragedy was thoroughly investigated by the Dutch-led joint investigative team who concluded that the plane in fact was shot down by a surface-to-air missile, a Buk surface-to-air missile, that was launched from Russia-controlled Eastern Ukraine.

These are the facts and we wish to get them in the record.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

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