

I would like to make short comments on the remarks made here by the Russian representative. It was performed in the best traditions of well-known disinformation dissemination campaign conducted before, during and after Russian aggression.

There are a number of evidences of brutal actions of the Russian occupational forces and their Osetian separatist allies against mass-media representatives in the Tskhinvali Region. I will simply confine myself with a few examples: Polish journalists were detained only because they wanted to see and cover the real situation in the region; Dutch journalist fell victim of a cassette bomb fragment during air raid on Georgian city Gori; Georgian journalist, a young woman, was wounded while reporting live from the scene.

Moreover, Russian side opposes violently to any attempts of international presence in the region. Denies access in the conflict region to humanitarian organizations, and namely into ethnically cleansed Georgian villages totally and deliberately destroyed.

In the beginning of 1990-s there was an ethnic cleansing against the Georgian population carried out in Abkhazia. This fact was recognized and reflected in the OSCE Lisbon and Budapest Resolutions. At present the same ethnic cleansing against the Georgian population is being carried out by the Russian occupational army this time in the South Osetian region. By recognizing Abkhazia and South Osetia Russian aggressors are trying to legalize ethnic cleansing. I am deeply convinced that the International Community will strictly oppose to these mean and vicious attempts.

We call on Russia to stop unsuccessful attempts to misinform the International Community and strictly adhere to international law in foreign policy.

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