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On the detained Estonian citizen Eston Kohver

Mr. Chairperson,

We have already given all the necessary explanations at previous Permanent Council meetings about the detention in Russia of the Estonian citizen Eston Kohver.

We should like to emphasize once again that co-operation between Russia and Estonia regarding the detention of Mr. Kohver, a member of the Estonian security police, who I remind you is accused of spying and illegally crossing the State border, is proceeding in a regular manner and through the appropriate channels.

The investigation is being carried out in accordance with Russian legislation and the provisions of international treaties to which Russia and Estonia have acceded. By decision of Pskov regional court, Mr. Kohver's detention in custody has been extended until 8 August 2015.

We should also like to emphasize that efforts to influence the investigation and interfere with the work of the judicial authorities are unacceptable.

Thank you for your attention.