Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,

As the Russian delegation requested to attach to the journal of the 26th OSCE Ministerial Council in Bratislava its statement delivered today to the closing session, I would like to make the following statement with the purpose of clarification and correction.

The representative of the Russian delegation, while referring to the title of one of the draft documents under consideration of the participating States, used the term of so-called “internal Ukrainian crisis”. In fact, this document was entitled “Draft Declaration on the OSCE’s efforts towards peace in and around Ukraine”, as distributed under the reference number MC.DD/11/19/Rev.2 of 2 December 2019.

We thank the Slovak Chairmanship for preparing this draft, and we regret that its adoption was blocked by one single delegation, that is the Russian Federation. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of this Council’s meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.