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THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 1464th MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Madam Chairperson,

I shall be brief. The representatives of Italy, Greece and Albania were replying not to Russia, but to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The facts and quotes that we presented in our statement are not hollow fictions of “Russian propaganda” but serious violations recorded by that reputable international body.

We already pointed out in this room last week when addressing the Western alliance countries, and we repeat it once more, that it is high time they attended to their own problems instead of accusing and lecturing others. As it is said, judge not, that ye be not judged.

We must remind the OSCE functionaries once again that you will not get to play a “one-way game” where you can just turn a blind eye to the numerous flagrant violations occurring in the countries “west of Vienna” with regard to human rights, the rights of national minorities, women’s rights, the rights of Indigenous peoples and so on.

Russia will continue to flag the inaction of the Organization’s officials and to demand that they fulfil their mandates.

Thank you for your attention.