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THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 1384th MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On the further invocation of the OSCE Moscow Mechanism in relation to Russia**

Mr. Chairperson,

We have taken note of the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of Iceland. We shall comment on it briefly.

It is evident that the countries of the Western alliance that are the “intellectual architects” of this highly dubious undertaking have set themselves the goal of defaming Russia as much as possible. For these purposes, they are over and over again activating the morally obsolete Moscow Mechanism, under which so-called experts, doing the bidding of their patrons, put their seal on despicable reports whose conclusions carry neither political nor legal “weight” for Russia. Building on this position, we have sent a notification to the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights about the withdrawal of two Russian experts from the resource list of experts under the Moscow Mechanism. We are convinced that there is no place in this surreal drama for these two distinguished specialists with a solid academic and public background.

Thank you for your attention.