

Delegation of the Russian Federation

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**Regarding the terrorist attack in Volgograd**

Mr. Chairperson,  
Distinguished colleagues,

The appalling crime that took place in Volgograd on 21 October, killing six and wounding around 40, is further evidence of the inhumanity of international terrorism. The explosion on a scheduled bus hit entirely innocent people. The bomb was set off by a female suicide bomber who had been brainwashed by terrorist propaganda.

A terrorist act can never be justified, no matter what the motivations underlying it may be. This is a challenge not only to one country, but to the entire international community, which has spoken out to condemn this barbaric act. This can be seen in the communiqué from heads of State or government to the Russian leadership, and statements made by the leading international and regional organizations. We are grateful to the Ukrainian Chairmanship and to many of our OSCE colleagues for their messages of condolence and condemnation regarding this terrorist attack.

The Russian Federation will take all necessary measures to find those who organized and assisted in this evil act, and to ensure that they no longer pose a threat. An analysis will also be performed into the causes of this sort of crime. Assistance will be provided to the families of those killed, as well as to those injured and their families.

More co-ordinated international efforts are required to prevent and combat terrorism, violent extremism, radicalism, and the conditions that enable their proliferation. The OSCE can and should also play a part in this process.

Once again, I should like to thank everyone for their words of condolence and support.