



United States Mission to the OSCE

Reply to the Russian Federation on the Abduction, Detention, and Sentencing of Nadiya Savchenko by the Russian Federation

As delivered by Ambassador Daniel B. Baer
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Mr. Chair, two brief comments in response to the distinguished Russian colleague.

First, I can't help but think that it must be consummately embarrassing for the representative of the Russian Federation to have to read a statement that attempts to persuade the people in this room that an obvious show trial, a process that is a travesty of justice, is somehow something that is being pursued consistent with the rule of law and international principles.

Second, it is certainly the prerogative of the Russian delegation to continue to peddle that line, but we must take this opportunity to remind the Russian Federation that Russia has committed, under the Minsk agreements, to the release of Nadiya Savchenko and others held on politically-motivated charges in the Russian Federation.

Thank you Mr. Chair.