

PC.DEL/711/06
6 July 2006

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

Delegation of the Russian Federation to the OSCE

**STATEMENT BY MR. ALEXEY BORODAVKIN, PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE
MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

6 July 2006

**Regarding the Second Ministerial Conference on
Drug Trafficking Routes from Afghanistan**

Mr. Chairman,

The Second Ministerial Conference on Drug Trafficking Routes from Afghanistan, which was organized by the Government of the Russian Federation in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, was held in Moscow from 26 to 28 June. A total of 55 countries, including 49 OSCE participating States and 2 Partners for Co-operation, along with representatives of the OSCE Secretariat, took part in its work. The President of Russia, Mr. Vladimir Putin, spoke at the closing session.

The Moscow Conference had great political and practical significance for the efforts to combat illicit production of and trafficking in narcotic drugs and for the development of the Paris–Moscow process.

The Conference examined the possibility of assistance to Afghanistan in implementing its National Drug Control Strategy and strengthening its border management system. It was recommended that collaboration be improved between the law enforcement agencies and intelligence services of interested countries and that measures be taken to bring drug-control legislation into line with the relevant international conventions. The need for co-operation in extradition and in strengthening the campaign against laundering of money from drug trafficking was recognized. It was also recommended that greater attention be paid to medical questions, in particular programmes designed to prevent drug addiction, improve the treatment of addicts and introduce measures to prevent diseases connected with drug use, including HIV/AIDS and hepatitis, from spreading from one country to another.

The final declaration of the Moscow Conference has been distributed in the OSCE in Russian and English.

Mr. Chairman,

We believe that the OSCE is capable of making a substantial contribution to international drug-control efforts. We call on the Chairmanship and the Secretary General of

the OSCE to take into account the results of the Moscow Conference in deploying the OSCE's activities concerned with illicit drugs, and in particular when preparing the expert seminar on the threat of illicit drugs in line with the decision adopted at the Ministerial Council meeting in Ljubljana.

We hope that the OSCE will play an active role in combating the threat of illicit drugs — a threat closely linked to terrorism, organized crime and extremist activity.

Thank you for your attention.