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**STATEMENT BY MR. ANDREY KELIN,
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AT THE 908th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**Concerning the statement on the rights of lesbians, gays,
bisexuals and transsexuals**

Mr. Chairperson,

The Russian position on the question of interest to our colleagues has been set out in detail during the meeting of the Permanent Council on 16 February and also at the meetings held on 15 and 22 March. Russia has indeed dissociated itself on this issue from the joint statement by the "eight", in line with the approach we have set out today.

Thank you for your attention.