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RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 1042nd MEETING OF
THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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On the situation surrounding the Estonian citizen Mr. Eston Kohver

Mr. Chairperson,

We take note of our colleagues' comments.

We should like to point out that co-operation between the Russian and Estonian authorities regarding the case of the detained Estonian security police officer, Eston Kohver, who is accused of spying, is taking place on a regular basis and through the appropriate channels.

If our European Union colleagues still do not have sufficient information from Tallinn, we are willing to provide the following information.

The investigation is proceeding in strict accordance with Russian legislation and the provisions of international treaties to which Russia and Estonia are parties.

For example, permits to visit Mr. Kohver are provided on a regular basis in accordance with the Consular Convention concluded between Russia and Estonia on 2 December 1992. Pursuant to Article 39, part 7, of this Convention, the rights set out therein are to be exercised in accordance with the regulations of the receiving State, in this case in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation.

Article 18 of the Federal Law of the Russian Federation of 15 July 1995 on the detention of persons suspected or accused of crimes stipulates that, following written permission from the individual or body in charge of the criminal case, persons suspected or accused of crimes may receive no more than two visits from relatives or other persons per month, each lasting up to three hours.

With respect to a medical examination of Mr. Kohver by a representative of an Estonian medical establishment, the competent authorities believe that this could take place at remand centre No. 2 of the Federal Prison Service of the Russian Federation.

The date and time could be agreed upon with the investigation team in due course.

We have already informed the Permanent Council that an expert psychiatric examination of Mr. Kohver is stipulated by Article 73, part 1, paragraph 3, of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation, according to which in the course of a criminal investigation it shall be mandatory to establish the circumstances characterizing the personality of the accused. The competent authorities of the Russian Federation do not have any information that could serve as grounds for waiving the aforementioned examination.

Thank you for your attention.