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Reply by the delegation of the Netherlands to the statement made by the
delegation of the Russian Federation

Mr/Madam Moderator,

The Dutch delegation would like to exercise its right of reply in response to the statement made by the delegation of the Russian Federation.

The Netherlands has a thorough asylum procedure, with sufficient guarantees for the asylum seeker. For instance, each asylum seeker has a right to free legal aid and support from NGO's during his procedure. Medical assistance is available throughout the asylum procedure, and also for rejected asylum seekers and illegal migrants. With reference to both cases that were mentioned (Dolmatov and Renata), independent investigation is or has been carried out to assess whether mistakes have been made, and if so, how they can be avoided in the future.