



**Buantoscaireacht na hÉireann**  
**don Eagraíocht um Comhoibriú agus Slándáil san Eoraip**  
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**Remarks by Ireland – 1394<sup>th</sup> OSCE Permanent Council**  
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Mr Chair,

I wish to align with the statement just made by the EU and to add the following point.

I wish to condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the false narrative by the Russian Federation in relation to so called “mercenaries” and its action in the FSC yesterday, which was intended to create the impression that an Irish citizen who volunteered to assist Ukraine to defend its territorial integrity is a “mercenary”.

Such propaganda, including displaying a recent press photograph and the name of the individual in the FSC, is distasteful, disrespectful and totally unacceptable.

Thank you.