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AT THE 1205th MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On the International Day of Combating Violence against Women**

Mr. Chairperson,

Combating violence against women is a task common to all of the OSCE participating States. Its resolution calls for an integrated approach and concerted efforts by all interested parties. At the same time, it is important that the work of our Organization is co-ordinated with and complements rather than conflicts with the comprehensive approaches within the United Nations.

In accordance with its international obligations, Russia consistently adopts measures to prevent and eliminate the various forms of violence against women. The creation of conditions for the development of their economic potential, personal growth and professional qualifications as a prerequisite for independence plays an important role in this regard. The approach is a systematic one. It makes it possible not only to combat violence effectively but also to achieve gender equality in a natural way and not by artificial means that are aimed merely at achieving a quantitative result.

The orientation within the OSCE is still based on the decision adopted at the Ministerial Council meeting in Basel in 2014 (Decision No. 7/14 on preventing and combating violence against women). At the same time, we welcome and largely support the initiative by the Italian Chairmanship in this regard. We are unfortunately obliged to note that just a week before the Ministerial Council meeting in Milan the text is still full of formulations without consensus. Moreover, such formulations continue to be added, which does not help to advance the negotiating process on this important issue. In our opinion, it should not be broken down into narrow sub-issues but should be dealt with comprehensively.

Thank you for your attention.