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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AT THE
CLOSING SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

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The Ministerial Council meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on key international security issues. The discussions were largely confrontational in nature and generally highlighted the extent of the politico-military crisis in Europe. There is less and less dialogue in the OSCE – with a number of countries not hesitating to use its platform to incite hatred. There is little room left for co-operation and finding solutions to problems.

This is particularly sad to see in a landmark year for the OSCE, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Final Act. It would seem that the anniversary of the Helsinki process should have been a good opportunity to “reset” the Organization, rethink its role in today’s realities and return to its original purpose of building a common security space. Unfortunately, the Finnish Chairmanship was not up to the task. The Helsinki+50 process did not go beyond NATO countries’ propaganda paradigm about their own infallibility and the fact that Russia is to blame for all evils.

The recommendations gathered during this discussion process essentially only confirm the shrinking space for diplomacy in European affairs – none of the ideas are about how to revive the pan-European process, resolve crises taking into account the interests of all parties involved, or return to the Organization a unifying agenda in the spirit of the numerous areas of co-operation outlined by the founding fathers of the CSCE/OSCE. Instead, they are about how to formalize the demise of inter-State co-operation. Irrational savings, the reduction of space for OSCE conferences and meetings, the attack on the fundamental rule of consensus and many similar questionable initiatives are undermining the Organization’s ability to fulfil its current main task – to serve as a bridge of dialogue across dividing lines.

In his article of 3 December, which all participating States had the opportunity to read, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Lavrov, described in detail the deplorable state of our once key Organization in the field of European security. We will not go over it again. We will only point out that the discussions at the Ministerial Council meeting confirmed that there is a clear divide between those who, in the name of bloc interests under the guise of a “rules-based order,” are prepared to trample on all OSCE commitments and norms of international law and to abuse the Organization’s capabilities so as to demonize those they deem undesirable, and those, alas, few who are still trying to save the OSCE with its original mission of constructively uniting the countries of the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian region within the framework of a common matrix of indivisible security.

The “Ukrainization” of the OSCE agenda, which has already been taken to absurd lengths, seems to have begun to backfire on its architects – leading countries have started to lose interest in this multilateral

platform. The OSCE's previous lamentable experience in crisis management, including in Ukraine, also clearly shows that, unless we rethink our attitude towards the Organization, it will have no future. The recent attempts to use the OSCE as a tool for pressure and coercion, to demonize those branded undesirable and to selectively interpret commitments will only serve to drive the Organization into its grave.

Our country will not succumb to attempts at arm-twisting and will continue to defend its vital security interests by all possible means. Those who destroy unique tools for inter-State dialogue, such as the OSCE, must be aware of the price of their actions – there will be no civilized means of interaction left for them. At the same time, the right-minded countries of the global majority will undoubtedly find a way to consolidate diplomatic efforts to address international security issues, and they will do so without the discredited “collective West”.

As for the OSCE itself, it still has some chance of survival. This, above all, implies a return to compliance with the Helsinki principles of equal and mutually respectful dialogue. Our Swiss colleagues, who will take over the Chairmanship next year, simply must ensure this.

Thank you for your attention.