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**STATEMENT BY
MR. DMITRY POLYANSKIY, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 1559th MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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On the report by the Chairmanship-in-Office

Mr. Chairperson,

Once again, we are obliged to draw attention to the destructive course taken by the Swiss Chairmanship-in-Office, which, to our regret, continues to include non-consensus and confrontational passages in its documents. In particular, unacceptable wording has been included in the report on the outcome of the 42nd meeting of the Co-ordination Group between the Council of Europe and the OSCE. The attempts to frame the events in Ukraine as some sort of “war of aggression” in the document are pure propaganda and go beyond the mandate of the Chairmanship-in-Office.

We should like to emphasize once again: the legally null and void mechanisms being fostered by the Council of Europe are contrary to the norms of international law. We consider them to be an element of the “hybrid” aggression against our country, a method of settling political scores and a means of obtaining undue financial gain. The inclusion of such references in documents drawn up jointly with the OSCE is unacceptable and undermines confidence in the institution of the Chairmanship-in-Office and in our Organization as a whole. We call upon the Swiss Chairmanship to abandon this pernicious practice.

Thank you for your attention.