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OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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In response to the statement by the representative of Poland

Madam Chairperson,

Despite the fact that the issue under consideration clearly falls within the competence of the Forum for Security Co-operation, and that its inclusion in the agenda of today's meeting constitutes a flagrant violation by the Finnish Chairmanship (as we stated in our procedural reservation), we will nevertheless exercise our right of reply in order to paint the Permanent Council a true picture of what happened in the early hours of 10 September. And what happened was this.

Yesterday morning, the armed forces of the Russian Federation launched a massive strike using long-range ground- and sea-based and air-launched precision weapons and combat drones on enterprises belonging to Ukraine's military-industrial complex in the Ivano-Frankivsk, Khmelnytskyi and Zhytomyr regions, as well as in the cities of Vinnytsia and Lviv.

The aforementioned facilities belonging to Ukraine's military-industrial complex were used for the manufacture and repair of Ukrainian armed forces armoured vehicles and aircraft, the manufacture of engines and electronic components for them, and the production of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

On the southern and south-western outskirts of Lviv, workshops at the Lviv armoured vehicle plant, where armoured vehicles were repaired and modernized, and at the "LDARZ" Lviv aircraft plant, where long-range UAVs were manufactured and Ukrainian armed forces combat aircraft were repaired, were hit.

The objectives of the strike were achieved. All the designated targets were hit.

There were no plans to strike targets on Polish territory.

The maximum flight range of the Russian UAVs used in the strike, which allegedly crossed the border with Poland, is no more than 700 kilometres.

The specific facts presented by the Russian Ministry of Defence completely debunk the myths that Poland is once again spreading in order to further escalate the Ukrainian crisis.

This had to be confirmed, in particular, by NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte. Speaking following the NATO Council meeting held at Poland's request under Article 4 of the North Atlantic Treaty, he was unable to answer a question about the existence of evidence, stating that a "full assessment" was "ongoing".

Despite the evident groundlessness of the insinuations made by Poland, in order to fully clarify what happened for all those parties interested in preventing the situation from escalating further, the Russian Ministry of Defence is ready to hold consultations on this topic with the Polish Ministry of National Defence. The Russian Foreign Ministry, for its part, is also ready to join in the work.

It is precisely in this way, through professional dialogue between military officials and diplomats, rather than through propagandistic rhetoric at various international forums, the pursuit of political agendas and the immediate designation of the "guilty parties", that such issues should be resolved. We are awaiting an official response from Poland to the Russian proposal.

The Russian Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued statements on the incident on 10 September, which we have circulated as OSCE documents.

Thank you for your attention.