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**STATEMENT BY
MR. DMITRY POLYANSKIY, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 1580th MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**In response to the address by the President of the International Committee of
the Red Cross, Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric**

Ms. Spoljaric,

I am pleased to welcome you to the Permanent Council. Thank you for your insightful address. Our country attaches great importance to its partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

We note the high demand for the work carried out by the Red Cross and its commitment to constructive and meaningful co-operation. This is evidenced, in particular, by your working visit to Russia in July this year and by the series of meetings that you have had with Russian officials, including the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Lavrov.

We particularly appreciate the attention you pay to joint measures for verifying information about the crimes committed by the Kyiv regime, and to developing co-operation between the ICRC and Russian humanitarian organizations and human rights bodies, including those active in Donbass.

We are convinced of the need for strict compliance with international humanitarian law and for the depoliticization of co-operation in this field. Unfortunately, we are currently seeing the opposite at the Permanent Council. Instead of engaging in open and substantive dialogue, a number of Western countries and their satellites are attempting to relay anti-Russian insinuations and to groundlessly accuse us of violating international humanitarian law. At the same time, trampling upon the basic norms of international humanitarian law, these very countries, together with their Kyiv protégés, are orchestrating a humanitarian disaster in Alyoshki. They are concealing the deployment of air defence systems in residential areas of Ukrainian cities and towns and cynically attributing the ensuing tragedies to Russia.

These “champions of freedoms” keep turning a blind eye to the dire humanitarian consequences of the crimes committed by Ukrainian armed formations and nationalist battalions. We regularly provide information on these matters in our statements on various agenda items at Permanent Council meetings.

Allow me to assure you, Ms. Spoljaric, of Russia's unwavering support. We are committed to maintaining regular contact and strengthening the partnership between our country and the ICRC.

Thank you for your attention.