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**STATEMENT BY
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THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 1373rd MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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On the organizational and technical modalities for holding OSCE events

Mr. Chairperson,

The disgraceful violent incident involving the Russian ambassador Sergey Andreev that took place on 9 May in Warsaw with the full connivance of the Polish authorities clearly demonstrated the unwillingness and inability of the authorities of that country to provide adequate security for the diplomats accredited there. Furthermore, given the numerous divisive statements by high-ranking Polish officials – we have quoted them many times – there is every reason to believe that the authorities in Warsaw lack the proper resources and willingness to provide all participants in international events taking place in Poland with an adequate and equal level of protection.

In that context, we consider it appropriate to raise the issue of the need to relocate all OSCE events, including the annual Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the associated Seminar, from Warsaw to other cities outside Poland. We would therefore propose that this issue be discussed with all 57 participating States in order to find the best option in terms of logistics, security and accessibility.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council.

Thank you for your attention.