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Statement of the Delegation of Albania,  
“On the shipment of Russian humanitarian assistance to Kosovo”

As delivered by the Minister Counsellor, Artan Canaj,  
to the 894<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Permanent Council

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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

In principle, we welcome the idea to ship humanitarian assistance to all those geographical areas of the globe where a humanitarian crisis is declared and assistance requested. In the case of the Russian shipment to Kosovo, my delegation would like to make 2 short remarks:

First, to our information, neither the Government of Kosovo, nor any international organization, which operates on the ground, have declared any humanitarian crisis or called for such assistance. In these circumstances, we do not understand the sense of this shipment.

Second, we strongly believe that every shipment of humanitarian assistance and of other nature should be organized in close cooperation and coordination with EULEX and with the Government of Kosovo, whose sovereignty extends throughout the whole territory of the country.

I thank you for the attention.