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**STATEMENT BY MR. VLADIMIR ZHEGLOV,  
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AT THE 1260th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**In response to the address by the President of the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, Mr. Emmanuel Decaux**

Mr. Chairperson,  
Mr. Decaux,

We congratulate you on your election. We have listened attentively to your account of the work of the Court, established by the Convention on Conciliation and Arbitration, which entered into force in 1994. I would recall that the Russian Federation was one of the first signatories to this Convention.

At the same time, we consider it necessary to re-emphasize the urgency of addressing a key problem in the OSCE legal framework. We are talking about the elaboration and adoption of its constituent document consistent with international law and the practice of leading international organizations. As you know, Russia and a group of participating States presented a draft Charter of the OSCE in 2007. We believe that our considerations could form a good basis for discussion of such a fundamental document. We invite the Chairmanship to study this subject within the Informal Working Group on Strengthening the Legal Framework of the OSCE.

Thank you for your attention.