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**FORMAL RESERVATION BY
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AT THE 1380th (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairperson,

We categorically object to the arbitrary methods of convening special meetings of the Permanent Council and drawing up their agendas. Today we are again faced with an example of this nature.

In accordance with paragraph II(B)6 “[t]he PC may ... convene special PC meetings ...”. But this means that the Chairmanship-in-Office is obliged to consult with all participating States, to take into account the whole spectrum of their opinions and to prepare and issue draft agendas for such meetings in good time.

The gross and systematic violation by the Polish Chairmanship of the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE and the mandate of the Chairmanship-in-Office as agreed in the 2002 Porto Ministerial Council decision (paragraph 2) is unacceptable.

We demand once again that the Chairmanship stop the one-sided politicization of the work of the Permanent Council, the continuation of which may have serious consequences for the functioning of our Organization.

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in the journal of today’s meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Thank you for your attention.