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AT THE 1016th (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**Regarding the detention of the Estonian citizen Mr. Eston Kohver**

Mr. Chairperson,

According to information from the Public Relations Centre of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation, an undercover operation by the security police department of the Estonian Ministry of the Interior in Pskov Oblast was terminated on 5 September. Mr. Eston Kohver, a citizen of Estonia and member of the Tartu office of this security police department, was detained on the territory of the Russian Federation with a weapon, money and special equipment. He was arrested while meeting with a Russian agent.

On Saturday, Lefortovsky District Court in Moscow approved Mr. Kohver's arrest. It was satisfied with the evidence obtained from the investigation of espionage and decided to remand him in custody. The heads of the Russian and Estonian Ministry of the Interior have discussed the incident. The Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation informed the Estonian ambassador on 6 September and a note is being prepared.

An investigation is currently being conducted and a visit to Mr. Kohver by representatives of the Estonian embassy is being considered. We shall be willing to provide further information when it becomes available.

It is my belief that this is far from being the first case of this nature.

Thank you for your attention.