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**In connection with the designation of three foreign non-governmental
organizations as undesirable organizations in Russia**

Mr. Chairperson,

We have repeatedly provided clarifications, including in this room, about the Russian legislation on the activities of non-profit-making organizations in Russia.

I shall briefly address the decision of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation to designate the activities of the foreign non-governmental organizations just referred to by our colleagues as undesirable on the territory of Russia. They are Open Russia and the Open Russia Civic Movement registered in the United Kingdom and the Institute of Modern Russia registered in the United States of America.

According to the Prosecutor General, these organizations were implementing specific programmes and projects aimed at destabilizing the national political situation in Russia. This threatens the foundations of the constitutional order and the security of our State. These were the facts that served as the basis, and I stress – the legal basis – for designating the activities of the three foreign organizations as undesirable on the territory of Russia, and for including them in the relevant Ministry of Justice list. Therefore it is important that the OSCE participating States treat the decisions of the government bodies of the Russian Federation with respect and do not politicize these.

Thank you for your attention.