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EU Statement in response to Russian statement regarding
violation of human rights in EU countries

The EU thanks the Ambassador of Russia for his statement.

We welcome a dialogue about the implementation of our common OSCE commitments. In particular, we stand ready to get engaged in any question concerning the compliance with our common commitments regarding human rights, democracy and the rule of law throughout the OSCE area.

As declared in the Moscow 1991 Document these commitments are matters of direct and legitimate concern to all participating States and do not belong exclusively to the internal affairs of the State concerned.

We reserve the right to return in more detail to the issues raised by Russian Ambassador in due course.