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**On the report by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on the
human rights situation in certain countries**

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to draw your attention to the latest report by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on the human rights situation in certain countries. We already mentioned this in our note verbale of 10 February. The document was presented in Moscow on 7 February at a briefing by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Commissioner for Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Mr. Grigory Lukiyantsev.

Unfortunately, the protection of human rights in the world shows a number of worrying trends. Among them is the high degree of politicization and double standards. Some countries regard themselves as paragons in this regard, styling themselves as the world's police, while at the same time being mired in gross human rights violations at home and abroad.

We note the spread of racist views and prejudices, anti-migrant sentiments, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. In the year of the 75th anniversary of victory in the Second World War, the growing momentum of the campaign to rewrite history and attempts to whitewash the Nazis and their accomplices and to slander the soldiers of the anti-Hitler coalition raise particularly serious concerns. The problem of defending the rights of national minorities, particularly their linguistic and educational rights, is becoming critical. And that is by no means all.

In preparing the report, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs summarized data from international and national sources and material from non-governmental organizations. Recommendations by international and regional human rights mechanisms were taken into account.

We believe that our study will permit a more balanced assessment of the human rights situation in the OSCE area.

Details of the document can be found on the website of our Permanent Mission or of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation at the following link:

https://www.mid.ru/ru/foreign_policy/humanitarian_cooperation//asset_publisher/bB3NYd16mBFC/content/id/4025481).

Thank you for your attention.