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**STATEMENT BY
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION,
AT THE 1422nd MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

11 May 2023

**On the presentation of the report on the Republic of Belarus
under the Moscow Mechanism**

Mr. Chairperson,

Once again, we are being forced to observe the orchestrated drama surrounding the report prepared under the “Moscow Mechanism”, which has been invoked in relation to Belarus. The Russian Federation’s position on this vestigial instrument is well known. We have always believed that the conclusions and recommendations of the text presented are politically and legally null and void.

We are again witnessing the efforts of the representatives of the Western alliance countries – which could be put to better use – to discredit our Organization. Today’s discussion has reaffirmed the purely opportunistic nature of the use of this morally obsolete “mechanism” and, in fact, of the waste of our time and our money, against yet another “undesirable State”. The artificially drawn-out discussion of this hastily cobbled together document, which is of absolutely no value, resembles a show trial and deprives us of time to discuss genuinely important and relevant topics of interest to all OSCE participating States.

Thank you for your attention.