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On the third Minsk International Conference on Eurasian Security

Mr. Chairperson,

We should once again like to extend sincere thanks to the leadership of the Republic of Belarus for having organized the Minsk International Conference on Eurasian Security. This forum, in which the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Lavrov, has now had the great pleasure of participating for the third year in a row, has become a prestigious annual platform for open dialogue. Its uniqueness lies in the way it felicitously brings together official delegations and the expert community, which makes it possible to take into account relevant ideas of civil society and work out specific recommendations.

We are seeing how an increasing number of Eurasian countries and peoples are becoming aware of the need to remove artificial obstacles on the path towards the independent and sustainable development of our continent. This is vividly confirmed by the broad-based make-up of participants, with 48 delegations taking part, including ministers for foreign affairs and representatives of key integration structures, such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia. We are convinced that it is through the re-establishment of ties and by means of joint projects that these structures are bound to become part of a future Eurasian architecture resting on solid economic and logistical foundations.

In that regard, Russia is actively advancing President Vladimir Putin's initiative regarding the establishment of a Eurasian security architecture. Unfortunately, Western countries with NATO at their head are not ready to engage in a dialogue of equals and want their bloc structures to spread across the entire continent, thereby eroding universal formats. In contrast to that approach, our goal is to create a system open to everyone, based on the principle of equal and indivisible security, a system where no one can strengthen their security at the expense of others.

Especially welcome is the proposal put forward by our Belarusian friends with regard to drafting a "Eurasian Charter of Diversity and Multipolarity in the Twenty-First Century". That is an important practical step and it has already been well received by a number of States. The document in question is intended to consolidate general principles shared by a majority of the countries on the continent, and to pave

the way for future co-operation on a basis of equality and free from attempts to achieve unilateral advantages.

In closing, we wish to emphasize that the establishment of a sustainable and fair Eurasian security architecture is an objective historical process. By agreeing on universally acceptable rules of the game, it will be possible to render our common space conflict-free and conducive to co-operation that is mutually beneficial to all the peoples of Eurasia.

Thank you for your attention.