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Statement on Current Issue raised by Ukraine: "On the situation with the three OSCE officials illegally detained by Russia as part of its war of aggression against Ukraine"

Thank you, Chair,

We fully align with the statement delivered by the European Union. In addition, please allow me to add the following in my national capacity:

We are alarmed by reports that Vadym Golda has been transferred to a facility in Russia's Tambov region and held incommunicado. If confirmed, this would add to the long list of Russia's grave violations of, and complete disregard for, human rights, International Law and International Humanitarian Law.

Dmytro Shabanov, Vadym Golda and Maksym Petrov were carrying out duties mandated by all 57 participating states.

In the Moscow Mechanism report from April 2024, the experts clearly concluded that Russia's detention of our three colleagues is incompatible with its OSCE commitments and disrespects their special status as members of the SMM.

Denmark strongly condemns their continued arbitrary detention and so-called sentencing, which is in clear violation of Russia's obligations under international law, including the Geneva Conventions.

We join the calls of the Swiss Chairperson-in-Office, the Secretary General, and the vast majority of OSCE participating States for their immediate and unconditional release.

As we also call on Russia to immediately and unconditionally release all Ukrainian prisoners arbitrarily detained.

Thank you, Chair