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THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
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On the second joint report by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus on the human rights situation in certain countries

Madam Chairperson,

On 30 June, at the OSCE headquarters in the Hofburg, the Permanent Missions of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus organized a presentation of the second joint report by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus on the human rights situation in certain countries.

The event generated a lot of interest. It was attended by representatives of participating States, constructively minded non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the media, and authoritative international experts.

The keynote speakers were Grigory Lukiyantsev, Director of the Department for Multilateral Human Rights Co-operation and Commissioner for Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, and Irina Velichko, Head of the Main Department of Multilateral Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus.

The joint study is based on independent sources – official assessments by the United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms, including treaty bodies, and open data from the media and NGOs.

The report has been distributed among OSCE participating States and executive structures. We urge all those who have not yet done so to read the document carefully. We express our readiness for further substantive discussions and debates on our Organization's platform.

Thank you for your attention.