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**FORMAL RESERVATION BY
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AT THE 90th JOINT MEETING OF
THE OSCE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION AND THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Madam Chairperson,

We categorically object to any decisions or initiatives that are meant to endow the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) with new functions in the environmental field. That topic does not fall within the FSC's mandate, and we will not allow its sphere of competence to be reopened. With this in mind, we demand that any references to the Forum be removed from all documents resulting from the present event.

Furthermore, we condemn the use of non-consensus-based wording in the concept note for the meeting, in particular the phrase "Russia's ... war of aggression against Ukraine". Such a choice of words is liable to further aggravate the dissension within the Organization, which, as we hope, is not the objective of the discussion today.

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in the journal of today's meeting in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Thank you for your attention.