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Buantoscaireacht na hÉireann
don Eagraíocht um Shlándaíl agus Comhar san Eoraip
Permanent Mission of Ireland to the
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe



Right of Reply by Ireland at the 1506th Meeting of the Permanent Council
Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, H.E. Ms. Pia
Kauma
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Ireland places great value on the work of the Parliamentary Assembly, and hosted its autumn meeting in Dublin last October.

Ireland, as host country, took the decision not to issue entry visas to members of the delegation of Belarus. This decision was taken in light of Belarus' complicity in Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, a blatant violation of the UN Charter and of the Helsinki Final Act, as well as ongoing concerns around the human rights situation in the country and persecution of political opponents.

Additionally, we note that the current Belarusian delegation is composed of parliamentarians elected in February 2024. The Belarusian authorities did not invite an ODIHR election observation mission. This was contrary to Belarus' OSCE commitments to which Ireland attaches a great deal of importance.