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FORMAL RESERVATION BY MR. ALEXANDER LUKASHEVICH, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AT THE 1374th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL

19 May 2022

On procedures for the preparation and conduct of meetings of the OSCE Permanent Council

Mr. Chairperson,

We once again reiterate our categorical disagreement with the Polish Chairmanship's insistence on including a politicized item on Ukraine without consulting all participating States and without taking into account their diverse interests and approaches. Such procedures for the preparation and conduct of Permanent Council meetings fail to comply with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE (paragraphs IV.1(C)1 and IV.1(C)3) and are in gross violation of the mandate of the Chairmanship-in-Office as defined by the 2002 Porto Ministerial Council decision (paragraph 2).

We urge the Polish Chairmanship to put a stop to its political arbitrariness and to ensure a non-discriminatory environment for discussions.

We request that this formal reservation be attached to the journal of today's meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Thank you for your attention.