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FORMAL RESERVATION BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION CONCERNING THE AGENDA OF THE 1379th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL

23 June 2022

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

Mr. Chairperson,

Once again, we categorically disagree with the overtly confrontational item on Ukraine that the Chairmanship has included without having consulted with all participating States. The Polish Chairmanship-in-Office continues to disregard the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE (paragraphs IV.1(C)1 and IV.1(C)3) and to violate its mandate as defined by the 2002 Porto Ministerial Council decision (paragraph 2).

Under this mandate, the Chairmanship-in-Office is obliged to take only such action as will not contradict the positions agreed by all participating States and will reflect the whole spectrum of their opinions.

We reiterate that the current wording on the subject of Ukraine does not reflect the different approaches of the OSCE participating States and cannot be arbitrarily kept on the agenda of the Permanent Council.

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

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in 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.