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United States Mission to the OSCE

Right of Reply to the Russian Federation on on the Conflict in Ukraine

As delivered by Ambassador Michael R. Carpenter
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
July 21, 2022

And as for your whataboutism, it's getting awfully tiresome. You are engaged as a representative of the Russian Federation in propaganda on behalf of a regime that is consistently striking civilians and civilian objects across Ukraine, causing untold suffering to thousands of men, women and children. Stop trying to point the finger at other people. Look at yourself. Look in the mirror. Look at what you are doing. Don't deny responsibility. Don't try to pull the wool over anyone's eyes. No one in this Council believes you. Nobody. I know your statements are meant for a domestic audience back in Russia, where there is absolutely no alternative whatsoever to what the regime puts forward as its propaganda. But outside of Russia, you're not going to fool a single person. We understand what you're doing. Save your breath. Save your words. No one believes it.

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