

Statement of the Russian delegation in exercise of the right of reply to the statement of the delegation of Canada speaking on behalf of Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America

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Thank you, Madam Co-Chair.

First of all we would like to stress that this pure technical meeting on chemicals management is not the right place to discuss armed conflicts.

When western countries including Canada under NATO auspices undertook carpet air bombardments of the cities of the countries which they think lack democratic values nobody spoke of millions of casualties and severe damage to civil infrastructure and environment.

The Kiev regime has been indiscriminately shelling Donbass for the last 9 years, as US-lead coalitions were doing in Vietnam, Yugoslavia, Iraq, Libya and a number of others countries. The tactic of “human shields” which is now used by Ukrainian forces also comes from the NATO strategy. Ukrainian ultranationalist fighters hide behind children, women and disabled people. This fact was recognized in one of the Amnesty International Reports.

It is a clear example of western hypocrisy – when western countries are responsible for a certain crisis the so called “international community” has nothing to do with it. But when a country stands for its national interests and protection of compatriots immediately it faces hysteria.

It is increasingly obvious that the civil population would have long stopped to suffer, if the Kiev regime and its Western masters had had true interest in peace.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett revealed lately that Washington and London curbed Ukrainians and did not let them negotiate a realistic peace deal one month after the start of the special military operation.

We regret that these technical negotiations became a place of an inappropriate political dispute started by Canada and other western countries.

Thank you.