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## **RIGHT OF REPLY BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE**

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#### **Mr Chairperson,**

I would like to exercise my right of reply in response to the statement delivered by Belarus.

It is quite telling that the delegation, which regularly claims that the OSCE lacks professional dialogue on European security, raises an issue that can hardly be interpreted as a security issue, but easily as a propagandistic one.

First and foremost, we consider the Belarusian statement a clear attempt to politicise history and discredit Ukraine. It promotes narratives of the aggressor state - the Russian Federation, - and clearly demonstrates Belarusian increased involvement in Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

Ukraine will not accept lectures from representatives of an authoritarian regime that instrumentalises historic memory for persecution and repression of its own citizens.

It is well-known and carefully studied fact that Minsk frequently portrays democratic opposition figures as descendants of World War II-era Nazi collaborators. The same tactics are also used for external purposes.

In particular, a publication by the Polish Centre for Eastern Studies directly underlined that Belarusian historic memory regulations were specifically updated with the clear purpose of discrediting Poland and Lithuania.

Ukraine pays significant attention to preserving the memory of the Second World War. Millions of Ukrainians took part in the Second World War, and millions became victims of it. However, Ukraine will never allow interference in its internal affairs or attempts to impose interpretations of its history.

I kindly ask to reflect this Right of Reply in the Journal of the Day.

**Thank you, Mr Chairperson.**