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Statement on the Detention of Ukrainian Helicopter Pilot Nadia Savchenko

As delivered by Ambassador Daniel B. Baer to the Permanent Council, Vienna July 17, 2014

We too have seen the reports of the detention of Ukrainian helicopter pilot Nadia Savchenko, who has been missing since mid-June and who turned up in a Russian jail, having been smuggled across the border from Ukraine. We are deeply concerned by her seizure by the separatists, as well as her transfer to Russian authorities and continued detention, and we call for her immediate release.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.