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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
AT THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES
AGENDA ITEM 17(F)**

Mr Chairperson, Mr Director-General, distinguished delegates,

Regarding the set of administrative and financial matters, we would like to draw attention to subitem 17(f) of the agenda of the Conference of the States Parties on the transfers of funds during 2018. We draw the attention of the Technical Secretariat to the need to reject the practice of transferring funds among programs in order to cover personnel expenses, which primarily demonstrates a lack of budget planning and does not meet the principles of budgetary discipline. Also in this regard, we request that the Secretariat provide additional information on the use of funds transferred within the framework of the “External Relations” Programme to the Political Affairs and Protocol Branch to cover expenses incurred for consultant services.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.

I request that this statement be distributed as an official document of the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference of the States Parties.

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