

Statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on agenda item 22.7: “Committee on Relations with the Host Country”.

Mr Chairperson,

After careful consideration of all aspects, the authorities of the Netherlands concluded there was no other option than to expel three members of the Russian delegation to the OPCW. They were involved in activities that were a threat to the national security of the country. In no way this decision was based on attempts to hinder the work of the Russian delegation for political reasons.

The Netherlands takes its obligations and responsibilities as Host Country very seriously and will do its utmost to facilitate the issuing of visa. The Netherlands has been in contact with the Russian Federation on this and other subjects and is ready to further engage with the Russian Federation if questions remain.
