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**Final Remark**

Let me now respond to the representatives of the **Russian Federation and those countries*,*** **which support Russia’s illegal occupation** of Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia with recognition of their so-called independence in blatant violation of the fundamental norms and principles on international law:

* I would like to stress that on 21st of January, the **European Court of Human Rights delivered legally binding judgement** in case Georgia v. Russia, **confirming illegal occupation** of Georgia’s sovereign territories.
* Let me explicitly highlight that the **Strasbourg Court ruled that the Russian Federation has been responsible** for mass violations committed against the Georgian population **as it exercised effective control over the Tskhinvali region and Abkhazia.**
* Against this backdrop, we heard here the statements from the Russian representative in an attempt **to** **mislead the international society** regarding grave violations of the fundamentalnorms of international law and basic human rights in Georgia’s occupied territories.