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Private Military Security Contractors (PMSCs) have become an integral part of contemporary conflicts and security dynamics. The Russian Federation recognizes the importance of addressing the impact of PMSCs on global security within the framework of the Disarmament and International Security Committee. This position paper aims to present the Russian Federation's perspective on this issue, emphasising the need for responsible practices, adherence to international law, and effective regulation to mitigate potential risks. The Russian Federation acknowledges the potential benefits that PMSCs can offer, such as specialised expertise, logistical support, and quick response capabilities in conflict zones. These services can supplement the efforts of state military forces in maintaining security and stability. However, the Russian Federation also recognizes certain concerns associated with the use of PMSCs. The Russian Federation firmly upholds the principle of state sovereignty, which encompasses the exclusive right of states to maintain their internal security and handle security-related matters. The presence of PMSCs in a country should be in accordance with the consent and approval of the host state, respecting its sovereignty and ensuring transparent and accountable operations.

The Russian Federation emphasises the importance of PMSCs operating in strict compliance with international humanitarian law, human rights law, and other relevant international legal frameworks. Violations committed by PMSC personnel must be investigated and held accountable by the concerned states. Additionally, measures should be in place to prevent the potential for PMSCs to act outside the bounds of international law. To ensure responsible conduct and prevent abuse, the Russian Federation advocates for robust regulation and oversight of PMSCs at both national and international levels. Cooperation among states, including the exchange of best practices and information, can contribute to effective regulation and oversight mechanisms. The Russian Federation believes that PMSCs should be transparent about their activities, including contracts, deployments, and personnel involved. Timely reporting mechanisms can help ensure accountability and allow for the assessment of potential risks and impacts on global security. Encouraging PMSCs to adopt voluntary reporting standards and facilitating information-sharing initiatives would be beneficial.

The United Nations and other international bodies should play a role in facilitating dialogue and cooperation in this regard. The Russian Federation acknowledges the significance of the issue of PMSCs and their impact on global security. While recognizing the potential benefits they can bring, responsible practices, compliance with international law, and effective regulation are paramount. The Russian Federation stands ready to collaborate with other states and international bodies to address this issue comprehensively, promoting stability, sovereignty, and the protection of human rights in the context of PMSC operations.