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Dear Sir or Madam

**Autonomous Sanctions Amendment (Sanctioned Commercial Activity – Russia) Regulation 2015**

I am writing in relation to the Explanatory Statement for the *Autonomous Sanctions Amendment (Sanctioned Commercial Activity – Russia) Regulation 2015* (the Regulation).

On 12 August 2015, the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinance (the Committee) noted that the Explanatory Statement does not provide information on consultation undertaken in relation to the Regulation.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has amended the Explanatory Statement to address this matter.

I have enclosed a copy of the amended Explanatory Statement. I would be grateful if you would arrange tabling.

Yours sincerely

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