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Plenary Session 4: Tolerance and Non-discrimination I, including: - Addressing racism, xenophobia and discrimination, anti-Semitism and intolerance and discrimination against Christians, Muslims and members of other religions

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CAP Liberté de Conscience wishes to draw attention to a pattern of transnational pressure originating from the Russian Federation against political and spiritual dissident Konstantin Rudnev, sometimes referred to as the leader of a movement known as Ashram Shambhala.

After serving a controversial sentence in Russia, Rudnev relocated abroad, first to Montenegro and later to Argentina. In each location, hostile narratives produced in Russia were circulated to local authorities and media, portraying him as dangerous despite the absence of substantiated evidence. These narratives triggered investigations and restrictive measures that would not have arisen without external influence.

This method of exporting reputational harm represents a form of transnational repression. It enables a State to extend punitive control beyond its borders by disseminating misleading information.

CAP-LC urges the Russian Federation to cease the practice of targeting dissidents abroad through disinformation campaigns. We also call on participating States to treat material originating from Russia criticizing political and spiritual dissidents with great caution.