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Title: Madam Speaker welcomed Her Excellency, Mrs. Valentina I. Matvienko, Hon. Chairperson of the Council of Federation, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and members of the Russian Parliamentary Delegation.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to make an announcement.

On behalf of the hon. Members of the House and on my own behalf, I have great pleasure in welcoming Her Excellency, Mrs. Valentina I. Matvienko, hon. Chairperson of the Council of Federation, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and members of the Russian Parliamentary Delegation, who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests.

They arrived in India on Monday, 25th February, 2013 and are now seated in the Special Box. We wish them a pleasant and fruitful stay in our country. Through them, we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Parliament, the Government and the friendly people of Russian Federation.

11.01 hrs.