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**Session II: Promoting the effective participation of women in decision-making processes in the economic and environmental spheres**

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and wishes to add some observations in a national capacity.

First of all, I should like to welcome the speakers once more and thank them for their interesting insights into the measures and initiatives needed to promote the active and effective participation of women, with equal leadership opportunities, in decision-making processes in the economic and environmental spheres.

In this context, Italy is pleased to support the extrabudgetary project on women's empowerment in the energy sector promoted by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities in Central Asia. This is an innovative project, which combines support for the professional development of women employed in the energy sector with the aim of contributing to a fair and sustainable energy transition and combating climate change.

A few weeks ago, we had the opportunity to meet here in Vienna with some of the young women professionals participating in the project and to listen to their stories and valuable experiences.

In this regard, I should like to ask the speakers, and in particular Ms. Silvia Sartori and Ms. Ainur Sospanova, the following. On the basis of your experience, do you think there are elements of this project that could be replicated in other regions of the OSCE area? What role can the OSCE play in promoting experience-sharing between participating States and interregional dialogue on women's economic empowerment, particularly in the energy sector?

Thank you.