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FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING**

**“Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism”**

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**Closing Statement**

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Dear Ambassador,  
Dear Participants,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

This First Preparatory Meeting on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism has proved to be a very promising starting point for this year’s Economic and Environmental Forum. I would like to thank all participants, in particular the distinguished speakers and moderators, for their excellent work in generating very thought provoking debates and relevant recommendations. The discussions undertaken during this two-day event have confirmed that there is room for our Organization to continue contributing to the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism. Thanks to the *rapporteurs*, a Summary including the main key suggestions made by participants during the deliberations will be compiled by my Office. In the meanwhile, allow me to pick some of the ideas that have been pointed out by participants in this very first meeting:

Dear participants,

The OSCE has a complementary role to play in AML/CFT, which the discussion today and yesterday have reconfirmed:

At the political level, our goal should be on promoting and supporting the implementation of agreed standards and objectives in the fields of AML/CFT. In this regard, I am convinced of the essential role that our Organization can play in bringing together national and international stakeholders in a platform for discussion on common priorities in fighting AML/CFT.

It is our responsibility to follow our debates with tangible results. On a technical level the OSCE should continue to assist participating States in implementing national legislation and international standards related to AML/CFT. By leveraging their expertise and knowledge of the host country, the OSCE Secretariat and the field presences have demonstrated their ability

to effectively identify national needs and to provide tailored initiatives to respond to pS requests.

We have seen, for example, how the OSCE field presences have worked in close co-operation with the Secretariat, their host governments, as well as with the private sector, to provide training, to compile local money laundering typologies and to raise awareness of specific money laundering risks present at the national level.

The OSCE has expertise, an international presence and excellent partners, both in our pS and in the international and private organizations here today. While being vigilant at all times to avoid duplication, the OSCE can continue to identify other niches where we could efficiently contribute to countering money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to draw your attention to a meeting this Friday at 10:00 here in the Hofburg. This meeting will provide an overview of several Extra Budgetary projects related to AML/CFT for which my office is seeking funding. One of the projects involves the creation of a publication of the findings of the October 2011 “Expert Seminar on Leveraging Anti-Money Laundering Regimes to Combat Human Trafficking”. Another of the projects involves several capacity building activities in the area of national risk assessment and International co-operation.

A letter inviting all OSCE delegations to join the gathering circulated today, and I would like to personally extend that invitation to all of you here to join us on Friday and learn more about the projects.

Dear Participants,

These two days have been just the beginning. The Forum process will continue in Dublin in April and conclude in Prague in September. But as I have said, it is a good start. We should further reflect on what has been said yesterday and today and try to bring useful conclusions to Prague.

What I would like to do now is open the floor to discussions on what the participating States have taken away from the discussions yesterday and today. Areas of proposed activities for the OSCE to continue to engage in include:

- the exchange of best practices, through the organization of workshops, seminars, trainings and conferences in participating States that so request;
- building capacity to counter money laundering and the financing of terrorism, by joining our efforts with key national stakeholders and our international partner organizations;
- assistance in implementing national and international AML/CFT legislations, and
- support to countries seeking to improve their data collection processes

Would the Delegations like to comment on the possible role of the OSCE in these or other areas of activity in the area of AML/CFT?