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Fully subscribing to the EU statement, I wish to highlight three specific issues in my national capacity:

- Firstly - the need to **strengthen the OSCE's engagement with Afghanistan**, in accordance with the ministerial decision adopted at Vilnius. Given the transfer of security responsibility for Afghanistan to the Afghan National Security Forces, which took place on June 18th, and the scheduled restructuring of the international presence in this country by 2014, I do believe Afghanistan deserves our continued support.
- Poland highly values the OSCE's assistance to Afghanistan, including training programs organized by the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe. **We support the proposal to fund the activities of the College from within the OSCE Unified Budget.**
- Secondly, we see the need to adopt **first set of confidence building measures on cyber security**. Given the OSCE's longstanding experience on CSBMs in politico-military dimension, we hope that concrete decisions will be reached also in this field.

- Thirdly, we recognize that the adoption of a package of TNTs-related decisions in 2012 and the establishment of the TNT Department in the Secretariat bring added value to the existing OSCE *acquis* and activities. But there is still room for improvement.
- We should do our utmost to ensure efficient functioning of the OSCE **as a framework to identify and address the most topical security-related matters**. This may be achieved through the enhancement of political dialogue at various levels and in various formats.
- In addition to our contacts under the PC and FSC umbrellas, we should open up to new ideas and suggestions that could be generated by those who are not involved in a daily routine of the organisation. Common understanding seems to be emerging about the need to **establish closer co-operation with the civil society and academia on issues related to security**. First steps have already been taken. Let me mention here useful contributions provided by the IDEAS and EASI, which both received our wide recognition.
- Finally, we ought to remain open to innovative concepts that foster dialogue. For instance, **creating a new forum, where senior officials from the participating States would have a chance to discuss informally the most topical issues pertaining to the OSCE's security agenda, deserves our thorough consideration**. This platform could establish a stronger link between discussions in Vienna and the security-related work in capitals.