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Welcome Message to Mongolia

Thank you, Chairperson.

I am speaking on behalf of Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

We welcome Mongolia as the 57th participating state of the OSCE. This is the first time that a country outside of the traditional OSCE area accedes to the organization. But Mongolia is a natural addition to our organization.

We feel honored that Mongolia which has already been an appreciated partner for almost ten years has decided to become a full-fledged member of our OSCE family. This is a clear signal that Mongolia shares our values of democracy, human rights, and rule of law.

Mongolia joins the organization at an important crossroads. We welcome fresh ideas from a new participating state which will help us to move ahead in the coming years to make the vision of a Euro-Atlantic and Euroasian Security Community come true.