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**Mr. Chairperson,
Distinguished Participants,
Dear Colleagues,**

In addition to the EU statement, to which we fully subscribe, we would like to make some additional remarks in our national capacity.

My delegation very much welcomes the **participation of NATO Secretary General, Anders Fogh Rasmussen** at the 2011 ASRC. We thank him for his comprehensive and visionary address and we congratulate him for his tireless efforts in reinforcing the cooperation between NATO and the OSCE, as a concrete and valuable contribution towards further enhancing the European and Euro-Atlantic security. His presence here today testifies, yet again, in this regard.

There is vast potential for an **enhanced relationship between OSCE and NATO**, the two organizations complementing and reinforcing each other in the pursuit of the shared goal of promoting security and cooperation. Areas such as conflict prevention and resolution, post-conflict rehabilitation, and addressing transnational threats are of particular relevance in this regard, as enshrined also in the Lisbon Summit Declaration.

OSCE's **comprehensive approach to security**, its broad membership and geographical scope are tremendous assets. We need to capitalize them, to take profit of the consensus reached in **Astana** and of the ideas that came out in the **Corfu process** and to address these issues across **the three dimensions**. The strategic goal to achieve a **security community** from Vancouver to Vladivostok and to preserve and fully implement the **OSCE values and principles** should be the guiding light in our further work. And this applies also to the following three themes, to which we will further refer.



Distinguished Audience,

Protracted conflicts continue to pose serious challenges to security in the OSCE area. Therefore, they **should stay high on our agenda**, including for the Vilnius Ministerial Council. Whereas we should not expect for the Ministerial this year to solve them, protracted conflicts **should, by no means, become *tabu* subjects**.

We should put the finger on the real problem. The difficulty in solving them comes from **insufficient political will**. This should be the keystone in our approach.

Conflict prevention and resolution was critical in our debates for already two years and the considerable number of proposals submitted by the participating States during the Corfu Process testifies about its high importance. The previous political dialogue codified under the Corfu Process showed that **we know what to do in the OSCE**. The Interim Report and the last version of the Framework for Action also proved our **ability to diagnose**. It is now the high time to provide the fixes. We are working not only towards a successful Ministerial at the end of the year. Our work will have **an impact on the relevance of this Organization**.

The **second theme** we would also like to briefly dwell on, regards the **arms control** since the OSCE area remains a paradigm example of how arms control arrangements and CSBMs have contributed to a new, unique pattern of interaction.

The CFE Treaty, the Code of Conduct, the Vienna Document, alongside the Open Skies Treaty have been instrumental in the creation of a **culture of openness and transparency**. They form a solid and unique *acquis* of principles and commitments. Preserving, strengthening and modernizing this *acquis*, while ensuring full and equal compliance with all inherent commitments, remain vital for achieving the strategic purpose of military stability, security and cooperation.

The **CFE** has a central, strategic role in this web of interlocking agreements. Under the leadership of the United States much progress has been achieved in the consultations "at 36". At the current stage, we should proceed from this solid work already accomplished, and renew our commitment towards breaking the current impasse. All elements of a package for a comprehensive solution are on the table, and they should continue to form the basis for any way forward on CFE.

Updating the Vienna Document is a strategic objective, aimed ultimately at increasing military transparency and predictability in Europe and thus ensuring stability, predictability and security in the OSCE area. Of special interest in this regard remains the necessity to improve the use of VD in crisis situations.



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Last theme concerns the evolving nature of the TNT. It is undisputable that currently the OSCE has a good amount of expertise in the field of police and border security and management. From this expertise, those participating States that needed assistance have a lot benefitted. This goes also for countering terrorism through the promotion of the UN legal framework.

We very much welcome the progress that has been done so far on the draft **OSCE strategic framework for police-related activities**.

It is true that the TNT area is much broader and that the OSCE can not bring **added value** in dealing with all evolving TNT's. Still, the consensus reached at the May OSCE Cyber security conference has created a momentum that should not be missed for generating an OSCE mandate and framework, bringing added value in the panoply of international efforts to achieve **cyber security**. In this regard, we should build on the extensive experience of the OSCE on **CSBM's**.

The development of OSCE strategic frameworks in other TNT areas such as counter-terrorism, drugs, non-proliferation should be seen as part of a comprehensive **package** for developing the OSCE's capacities and toolbox in the field of TNT and go **hand in hand** with the improvement of programmatic coordination and coherence within the Secretariat.

By way of concluding, on **our way to Vilnius**, we need to focus on the important issues, on the great challenges and avoid the possible temptation of becoming complacent.

The **credibility of the OSCE** and the **impact of its activity** on the international arena depends upon the size of the **gap between commitments and implementation**. The *sine qua non* ingredient for success is the **political will**. It is up to us to make sure that the organization delivers in accordance with the **expectations**.

Thank you!