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Remarks by Mr. Takeshi KAMIYAMA, Deputy Head of Mission, Minister, Embassy of Japan, on the occasion of the OSCE Special Expert Meeting on assessing the OSCE's future contribution to international energy security co-operation

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

My remarks today are placed against the background that this is my first exposure ever to the capital of the incoming CiO of the OSCE.

First of all, I thank those involved in the preparation of this meeting for the opportunity given to be present in Vilnius.

The delegation of Japan has been mindful of its position as Partner for Co-operation of this organisation and we have tried to be humble but active where appropriate and provided the OSCE under the so-called Corfu Process and under the current Kazakh chairmanship with a small food-for-thought concerning transport development, good governance and management at border crossings. We are pleased to have learned through the ongoing discussions in Vienna so far at the EED, that the incoming CiO will intend to focus on the question of energy security as well as on transport-related issues under the second dimension of the OSCE. These two issues may not at a first glance be indeed inter-linked to each other so closely but both of these are by nature to be identified and targeted as assignments to be addressed over time and besides both energy security and transport are of complex but crucial nature to the promotion of confidence building among the parties concerned in the area covered by the OSCE. They simply go beyond the coverage of economic and environmental dimension.

Japan has been and will be along with the OSCE as it understands the security as to be indivisible and as the organisation strives for the security as such as of comprehensive nature. We understand that the core nature of this organisation is nothing but to provide us with a platform for political dialogs.

With this in mind, we would like to follow developments of ideas and related activities to be worked on and carried out under the incoming CiO.

The delegation of Japan would like to wish all the best to the incoming CiO and the authorities of Lithuania concerned.