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Mr. Chairman:

We join previous speakers in thanking the Kazakh OSCE Chairmanship, all the Coordinators of the Corfu Process, and the OSCE Secretariat for their hard work and tireless efforts in preparing the comprehensive Chair’s Interim Report Summarizing Proposals Put Forward within the Corfu Process (CIO.GAL/117/102 of July 2nd, 2010). Congratulations on the report which provides a snapshot of the initial ‘mapping phase’ of the Corfu talks; an exercise that has revitalized our security debate – across all 3 OSCE Dimensions - and has generated numerous concrete proposals to strengthen our Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security cooperation and make the OSCE work even better as a tool for conflict prevention and crisis management.

Our Corfu work has only begun and now needs to be taken to the next phase. We need to work on bridging the differences in our positions. We need to focus on the key and most pressing security challenges where progress on these would help restore trust and confidence amongst us, and renew our sense of a common purpose. Clearly, political will is an essential ingredient for moving this process to the next stage, and for delivering a successful OSCE Summit.

In many ways, the Kyrgyzstan crisis is a case in point and test of our political will to move forward within the OSCE context. This crisis has underscored the need for a more automatic early warning mechanism for the OSCE, and enhanced capabilities in rapid response in managing a crisis.

Canada looks forward to continuing to work closely with the Kazakh OSCE Chairmanship and other participating States as we shape an agenda and deliverables for a possible Summit. We support the development of a forward-looking Corfu Action Plan for Leaders to approve and launch. But, we must allow enough time to prepare and negotiate such a Plan, because it will define our OSCE program of work for the years ahead.

For Canada, the following 5 broad elements should form part of a possible Summit agenda and Corfu Action Plan:

- ❖ Reaffirming the continued validity of OSCE founding principles, values, commitments, institutions and ‘acquis’, and the goal of full implementation of OSCE commitments by all participating States;
- ❖ Enhancing the OSCE’s engagement with Afghanistan, including work on transnational threats stemming from the region;
- ❖ Strengthening existing and defining new areas for Conventional Arms Control and Confidence and Security Building Measures(CSBMs), including the timely resolution of the CFE crisis;
- ❖ Improving the OSCE tool kit, including the creation of new mechanisms to:
 - (a) enhance the OSCE’s early warning and rapid responses capabilities in all phases of the conflict cycle/crisis management;
 - (b) improve the implementation of OSCE commitments and reinforce them, notably in the Human Dimension;
 - (c) develop a role for the OSCE in early warning on regional energy security conflicts; and
- ❖ Adopting the HCNM’s Bolzano/Bolzen Recommendations on National Minorities in Inter-State Relations as an OSCE political commitment for conflict prevention.

Thank you, merci !