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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF TURKEY TO THE OSCE
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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of Turkey would like to thank the Ukrainian Chairman-in-Office, Secretary General Zannier, Coordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities Mr. Yiğitgüden, as well as our hosts, Ukrainian Foreign Ministry's Diplomatic Academy for convening the Second Preparatory Meeting of the 21st Economic and Environmental Forum (EEF). We look forward to discussions on the way of identifying common approaches and ideas.

In this era of globalization which entails ever increasing demand for energy resources, the main concern appears to be the access to safe, secure, sustainable and affordable energy sources. To this end, regional, inter-regional and international cooperation are required. We sincerely believe that, through multilateral dialogue and the network of field missions, the OSCE can help enhancing cooperation among participating states in increasing energy efficiency as well as sustainability.

As a regional organization of 57 participating States, including several major energy producers, consumers and key transit countries, the OSCE is well placed to promote a broader concept of energy security encompassing all stages of the value chain and involving countries of origin, transit, and destination as well as all relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and civil society. The relevance of sustainable energy supply and energy efficiency, which are of major importance to the promotion of economic development and sustainability is an important component of the OSCE's mandate within the economic and environmental dimension.

That being so, liability lies on all stakeholders to go beyond words and commit themselves to increase the dialogue with a view to foster mutual security in the economic and environmental areas.

In this respect, the OSCE can foster additional dialogue at multilateral level towards deepening and strengthening co-operation among participating States

with a view to supporting national efforts towards implementation of effective energy policies.

Mr. Chairman,

Pursuant to the national energy policy of Turkey, we deem it necessary to underline that the interrelated challenges of climate change, energy security, efficient use of energy resources and the development and use of new and renewable sources of energy are amongst the issues that participating States should address in the strategic perspective of ensuring sustainable development. We would therefore support dialogue on these topics during the forum, taking into account relevant initiatives of a number of major international institutions with greater expertise in the field of promotion of sustainable energy solutions.

We sincerely believe that the ongoing discussions and exchange of views with the context of “Helsinki+40” can also contribute to the goal of further defining the role of the Organization in the field of energy security. We express our support for the Ukrainian Chairmanship’s efforts to identify concrete deliverables in this regard.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Ukrainian Chairmanship and the OSCE Coordinator for Economic and Environmental Activities for organizing this second preparatory meeting and wish all participants success for the discussions ahead.

Thank you.