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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE  
STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE ADDRESS  
BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
HIS EXCELLENCY TERRY DAVIS  
710<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
24 APRIL 2008**

Canada joins others in welcoming Secretary General Terry Davis back to the Permanent Council and thanks him for his stimulating presentation.

During our February 28th reply to Minister Kubis' address to this Council, our delegation highlighted areas of shared values and interests between our two organisations. We would like to briefly reiterate these points.

Canada continues to value the cooperation that has developed between the two organisations to address common concerns of promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law, as well as the useful collaboration in the area of elections.

Further, we believe in the importance of ongoing coordination efforts in countering terrorism, combating human trafficking, promoting tolerance and non-discrimination and ensuring the rights of national minorities.

Canada notes that while Council of Europe commitments reflect many of those held by the OSCE, the memberships and the mandates of our organisations are unique. Every effort should be made to avoid overlap of activities and to fully utilise the strengths of the respective organisations, within these mandates.

Lastly, echoing some of the Secretary General's comments, it is our view that OSCE-Council of Europe collaboration should be pragmatic and that the extent of this collaboration should be based on mutually agreed and demonstrated needs and for the mutual benefit of both organisations.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.