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EU statement in response to the address by Secretary General of the CSTO, H.E. Nikolay Bordyuzha

The European Union welcomes H.E. Mr. Nikolay Bordyuzha, Secretary General of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) to this Joint Meeting of the Forum for Security Cooperation and the Permanent Council and would like to thank him for his thought provoking statement.

The OSCE and the CSTO share a commitment to strengthen peace and regional security and stability. The EU sees merit for the OSCE to work cooperatively with the CSTO, in a flexible way and driven by specific needs on the basis of the Platform for Co-operative Security. Its comprehensive approach to security provides a framework for collaboration among organizations and institutions that, among other requirements, adhere to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the OSCE Principles and commitments as set out in the Helsinki Final Act and other Documents.

The current situation in Kyrgyzstan clearly shows the need to act in a coordinated and effective way to uphold peace, democracy and the rule

of Law. The EU is closely following the situation, in contact with its main international partners.

This Joint FSC – PC Meeting is also particularly timely and appropriate in the context of the Corfu Process, which addresses the key issues of security in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian area across all three OSCE dimensions. This dialogue should provide for interaction with other organizations and institutions. In this context, we consider the inclusion of the Council of Europe as key for the success and relevance of this exercise.

Transnational and Multidimensional Threats and Challenges require, more than ever, common responses, and are thus among the areas in which collaboration between OSCE and CSTO can be more relevant and fruitful. The fight against terrorism and organised crime is a shared priority and a task in which joining efforts can increase effectiveness.

In particular, addressing the threats stemming from Afghanistan, calls for better synergies and effective forms of cooperation with relevant regional, sub-regional and international organizations. Stability, security and development in this country are closely linked to the overall situation in the region. The London Conference in January underlined this regional dimension.

The Athens Declaration and Decision on the Corfu process have opened the way to possible involvement of international, regional and sub-regional organizations and institutions in it. The participation of H.E. Mr. Nikolay Bordyuzha in this Meeting and his statement today are valuable contributions to that effect.

Los países candidatos TURQUÍA, CROACIA* y la ANTIGUA REPÚBLICA YUGOSLAVA DE MACEDONIA*, los países del Proceso de Estabilización y Asociación y los países candidatos potenciales, ALBANIA, BOSNIA Y HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO y SERBIA, los países de la Asociación Europea de Libre Comercio y los miembros del Espacio Económico Europeo, ISLANDIA, LIECHTENSTEIN y NORUEGA, al igual que UCRANIA y la REPÚBLICA DE MOLDAVIA se suman a esta declaración.

*Croacia y la Antigua República Yugoslava de Macedonia siguen perteneciendo al proceso de Estabilización y Asociación.