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EU statement in reply to the address by the Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States, H.E. Halil Akinci

The European Union welcomes the Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States, H.E. Halil Akinci to the Permanent Council and thanks him for his address.

The EU would like to recall its support for the co-operation between the OSCE and other international organisations that share its values, on the basis of the 1999 Platform for Co-operative Security adopted at the Istanbul Summit, and taking into account the added value they can bring to the work of our Organisation. In particular, the Platform aims at developing and maintaining political and operational coherence among various bodies operating in the OSCE area.

In this context, we would like to reiterate our resolve to promote the implementation of the provisions of the Platform for Co-operative Security with a view to maximising the effectiveness of the OSCE, as well as our conviction about the need to further develop a mutually reinforcing relationship between

the OSCE and those organizations and institutions that can contribute to the promotion of comprehensive security within the OSCE area.

In concluding, we would like once again to thank H.E. Halil Akinci and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

The acceding country CROATIA*, the candidate countries THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, MONTENEGRO and ICELAND**, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates countries ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA and SERBIA, the European Free Trade Association countries LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA, ANDORRA align themselves with this statement.

*Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

**Iceland continues to be a member of EFTA and the European Economic Area.