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Promoting Good Governance and Combating Corruption in Support of Socio-Economic Development

EU closing remarks

1. The European Union and its Member States would like to thank the panellists, the Irish Chairmanship and the OCEEA who have contributed to the productive and stimulating deliberations over the 2 days of the meeting.
2. The discussions have confirmed that corruption remains a big challenge for all our societies and that in spite of existence of relevant international instruments, a lot of efforts still need to be done in order to reduce, if not completely eradicate corruption.
3. No magic solution exists but it is clear that stronger political will and commitment is needed, as well as appropriate capacity building, training, enhancing internal legislation and international cooperation.
4. We support the efforts of the main multilateral organizations, such as UN, OECD and Council of Europe, as well as engagement of the OSCE in promoting good governance, in particular through its field operations.
5. We would like to reiterate the important role for civil society and private sector in fighting corruption.

6. Last, but not least we appreciate the participation and active involvement of the OSCE Partners for cooperation in the 2nd preparatory meeting.
7. In conclusion, we look forward to the Prague meeting of the 20th EEF.