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**Statement of
H.E. Ambassador Vladimir MATEK,
Permanent Representative,
on the 687th PC, 8 of November 2007
in response to the HCNM**

Mr. Chairman,

Croatia has aligned itself with the EU Statement, so there is no need to repeat what was already said, but – just to add two points.

The first one, and I hope that I can tell it on behalf of all the colleagues in the PC, is to stress how much we appreciate the fact that for the first time after the years the written report of HC was on our disposal in advance.

Second, in my national capacity: I would like to thank the High Commissioner Vollebaek for positive assessments in his written report of the progress made in the field of his mandate in my country. Here I wish to underline that - from the last visit to Croatia, done by his predecessor, Ambassador Ekeus - a number of points considered in that moment as outstanding issues, have been resolved. It will be our pleasure to host the announced visit in 2008 and inform the High Commissioner about those achievements.

My Mission stands ready to work with the HC Office headed by our dear friend Ambassador Moran, in order to define the most appropriate moment for this visit once the new Parliament and Government will be in full function after the elections to be hold in few weeks.

To conclude, may I express our best wishes and full support for the work of the HC Vollebaek and his Team...