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Mr. Chairperson,
Heads of State and Government,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I should like first of all to communicate the best wishes of our Head of Government, His Excellency Mr. Jaume Bartumeu, for the success of our work.

Allow me also to congratulate President Nursultan Nazarbayev and all of his staff for their indefatigable efforts to turn this Summit into a reality and to express my gratitude for the friendly welcome in Astana and the excellent organization.

The Summit should open a new chapter in our relations, guided by the fundamental principles governing inter-State relations, and communicate our firm determination to create a strategic vision of a security community.

Our Organization has an extensive *acquis* given expression to primarily in the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris, which celebrated 35 and 20 years, respectively, of existence. We should feel satisfied but not complacent about what we have achieved and should unequivocally reaffirm the importance of the principles and commitments contained in these documents and work together to guarantee their full implementation.

The OSCE offers us a unique platform for promoting dialogue between States, OSCE institutions and civil society. This unique format should be used to make progress in fulfilling our commitments in the politico-military, economic and environmental and human dimensions. We should like to take this opportunity to congratulate the OSCE institutions for their professional and objective work.

I should like to reiterate Andorra's firm commitment to the promotion of democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms, which, alongside multilateralism, are the central focuses of the policy of a country as small as mine.

In this context, we believe that education in human rights, tolerance and non-discrimination are essential to the creation of a community of values. Education in these matters is an effective conflict-prevention instrument, since it promotes inter-ethnic and

interreligious dialogue, combats intolerance and consequently fosters social cohesion. Andorra has considerable experience in this regard.

With regard to countering transnational challenges, we believe that thanks to its concept of comprehensive and indivisible security the OSCE can effectively combat transnational threats and challenges from inside and outside the OSCE area. There is a need, however, to define priorities and develop more pragmatic and coherent programmes. The Platform for Co-operative Security adopted in Istanbul in 1999 should provide the basis for creating synergies with other organizations, avoiding overlaps and offering added value in the field of security.

We hope that the flexibility and political will of the participating States will enable us to move forward. The direction we take in Astana will have a direct impact on the role that our Organization will play in guaranteeing peace and stability in the OSCE area during the coming years.

In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks for the tremendous work carried out by Kazakhstan throughout this year, in particular its countless activities to promote transparency and include my country. This has been highly appreciated by my authorities, and we hope that the Lithuanian Chairmanship will be able to continue on the same path. Allow me to express our best wishes to Lithuania for success and to offer our co-operation and support.

Thank you.