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**STATEMENT BY  
AMBASSADOR HEINER HORSTEN AT THE MEETING OF THE  
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**Regarding the event to be held in connection with the visit to Vienna by the  
former German Foreign Minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher**

In connection with the visit to Vienna by the former German Foreign Minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and the event already announced for Friday, 6 November 2009, in the Redoutensaal of the Vienna Hofburg, I should like to inform you that the OSCE Secretariat, at the initiative and with the support of the German Permanent Mission to the OSCE, advertised a video competition in the OSCE participating States. The competition, which is entitled "Taking Part – Civil Society in Action", involves the short presentation of projects that are connected with civil society in the respective participating States. Five particularly impressive contributions have since been selected by a jury from among the numerous entries submitted. The winners are to be invited to Vienna by the OSCE Secretariat on 5 and 6 November. They come from Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova and Poland. I am pleased to be able to tell you that the winners will take part as visitors in the meeting of the Permanent Council on 5 November. After the meeting, or during the recess at midday, I shall introduce you to the winners during a "vin d'honneur" in the Foyer of the Neuer Saal. You will have an opportunity to meet the winners personally and to watch their video contributions. In addition, a poster exhibition entitled "From Peaceful Revolution to German Unity" will be opened at the same location to help us get in the mood for the event on 6 November with addresses by former Foreign Minister Genscher, Foreign Minister Spindelegger and acting Foreign Minister Droutsas. I should like to thank the OSCE Chairmanship and the OSCE Secretariat most warmly for their support in this matter.