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**Mr. Chair,**

I am grateful for this opportunity to present some remarks at this working session of the 2010 Annual Security Review Conference.

Our work is crucially important for further improving the OSCE's particular expertise and capacity in border security and management, policing, countering terrorism and illicit traffic in narcotics, and other areas.

From this perspective, Romania, i.e. the Ministry of Administration and Interior, will continue to act as an active participant to the OSCE Border Security and Management National Focal Point Network, while we are preparing for the accession to the Schengen area in 2011.

We are interested to support the OSCE projects on assistance in increasing the efficiency of criminal analysis systems of the border services from the partner countries which are interested of learning from our experience and expertise. Romania has the capacity to provide assistance to the Afghan police officers in the activities of training related to integrated border security and management, combating of the use of false documents and of the trafficking with narcotic drugs. This is related with the third area of support, as described by one of our speakers, Mr. Daniel Korski, in concluding his presentation.

In this context, I would like to mention that the Romanian Police is actively involved in the mutual international effort and currently we participate with a number of 5 police officers to the EUPOL mission in Afghanistan. The core mandate of the Romanian police officers deployed in this operational theatre is to professionalize and consolidate the local structures on police issues.

As an important law enforcement agency of an EU member state, the Romanian Ministry of Administration and Interior will further contribute to the development of international and regional initiatives in order to facilitate co-operation in the region, with the aim of countering threats and challenges stemming from the territory of Afghanistan.

Thank you.