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On CICA Foreign Ministers Informal Meeting

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the Permanent Council on a recently held meeting which is of relevance to our work here at the OSCE.

As the Permanent Council may recall, my country assumed the Chairmanship of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), which includes some of the OSCE participating States and partner countries, for a two-year period in June last year. Recently the CICA Foreign Ministers Informal Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Minister Davutoğlu on the sidelines of the 66th Session of the UN General Assembly on 26 September 2011 in New York. At the meeting, member states discussed ways to strengthen the role of CICA in settling conflicts and disputes in the CICA region and reviewed the current activities of CICA. Also at the meeting, Bahrain and Cambodia became members of CICA as they completed their membership procedures by signing the CICA basic documents. The next meetings of the CICA Special Working Group and the Senior Officials Committee shall take place next week in İzmir.

Thank you.