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Mr. Moderator,

A number of core CSCE/OSCE documents (the Copenhagen Document (1990), the Moscow Document (1991), and the Istanbul Document (1999)) deal with the implementation of human dimension commitments.

The essence of these documents is that protection of and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms including that of national minorities are prerequisites for lasting peace and security. Consequently, they are direct and legitimate concerns to all participating States who are responsible to each other for their implementation. Therefore they can not be considered as exclusively internal matters of participating States.

Mr. Moderator,

You asked us to address three issues: first, are existing implementation measures sufficient? Our ministers answered that question at our last ministerial meeting in Athens where they voiced their serious concern over the fact that “principles of the Helsinki Final Act and other OSCE commitments are still not fully respected and implemented”. So the answer to the question is that twenty years after the adaptation of the Copenhagen Document there is still much to do to promote the implementation of human dimension commitments.

In the light of that answer the second and the third questions – namely how implementation could be improved and what are the possible measures – are very pertinent. We have already started to discuss these very issues in the framework of the Corfu process. One of the main goals of this process is to restore trust and confidence among participating States however, it can only be achieved through the systematic and full implementation of the commitments we had set together for ourselves. Within the Corfu process numerous proposals have been put forward to increase the level of implementation. Due to the lack of time, I am not going to dwell on the merits of these proposals – not even the ones Hungary co-sponsors. Instead, I appeal to participating States not to reject any of them out of head but examine them carefully keeping in mind our common values and commitments.