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I would like to start by expressing my delegation's sincere gratitude to our keynote speakers Ambassador Alyson Bailes and Ambassador Vladislav Chernov for their very interesting contributions to our session today.

Romania associated itself with the statement presented by Spain on behalf of the EU. I would like to contribute some additional remarks.

We welcome the opening address by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, Mr. Konstantin Zhigalov, setting as the overarching objective of this year's ASRC the exploration of ways to re-establish trust and confidence among participating States and to recapture the sense of common purpose in dealing with security challenges. Today's session on arms control and CSBMs is particularly relevant in this context.

Arms control and CSBMs arrangements are primarily about trust, transparency and predictability in Europe. By fully and unconditionally implementing the commitments in this area, we are thus securing the ultimate aim of restoring trust and confidence.

Madam Chairperson,

The OSCE area remains a paradigm example of how CSBMs have contributed to a new pattern of interaction. The CFE Treaty, the Code of Conduct and the successive Vienna Documents, alongside with the Open Skies Treaty have been instrumental in the creation of a new culture of openness and transparency. These instruments remain the cornerstones of arms control and CSBMs in Europe. They form a solid and unique *acquis* of principles, commitments, and decisions, which has to be preserved and strengthened.

The CFE has a central, strategic role in this web of interlocking and mutually reinforcing agreements. We hope that an agreement can be reached for the overcoming of the current impasse and the preservation of the CFE regime. Romania, from its part, is prepared to engage constructively to that end. The key in this regard is that the elements of the solution comprise a mutually reinforcing package, which builds on the existing *aquis*, on all the existing legal and political commitments, and on all elements constituent of the CFE regime. We need to make sure that the fundamental OSCE principles and commitments are not put into question. I am referring in particular to the principles of territorial integrity, of sovereignty, to that of host nation consent, but also to the need to implement all outstanding commitments.

Madam Chairperson,

Romania values very highly the CSBMs measures, not only as instruments of transparency as such, but also as very valuable tools in the conflict prevention and post-conflict stabilization and reconstruction. From this perspective, the Food for Thought paper which Romania put forward together with other co-sponsors, within the Corfu process, on "Ideas on

civilian operation/mission to improve the OSCE response in post-crisis and post-conflict rehabilitation” places particular attention to the design and promotion of non-military confidence building measures (e.g. economic and environmental measures,) that can be implemented in parallel or separately to military CSBMs. In this context, I would like to use this opportunity to express my delegation’s full appreciation to all the co-sponsors for their support.

I also would like to highlight Romania’s strong attachment to the Vienna Document 1999. Its full implementation by all participating States is critical. We welcome the positive developments within the FSC and we stress the need for further progress towards the ultimate goal of the process: that of the strengthening of the Document.

The 1994 Code of Conduct is yet another other landmark documents. It has been a visionary document, and its undeniable significance is once again demonstrated by the inclusive approach in presenting the principles it covers. This acquis of principles should continue to be applied in full, if it is to continue to be effective and meaningful for the European security.

The Open Skies Treaty has also a major relevance for the transparency and security in Europe. Romania very much welcomes the positive outcome of last week’s Review Conference, and congratulates United States for its leadership in chairing the Conference.

By way of concluding, I would like to stress, once again, the strategic importance of the full implementation of this solid and unique network of treaties and commitments in the area of arms control and CSBMs, which remains the necessary precondition for the restoration of trust and the reinforcement of other efforts aimed at improving the European security, in particular the resolution of conflicts.