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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA**

Statement of Mr. Renatas Norkus
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania
at the closing session of the 18th EEF

Dear Colleagues, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman,

I would like to say some words in my national capacity, and at the same time I am fully endorsing statement just delivered by our Spanish colleagues.

Our discussions held during the 18th Economic and Environmental Forum have produced some interesting thoughts and have deepened our knowledge on transport facilitation and security matters. Quite a number of elements such as good governance, fight against corruption and usage of modern technologies, interlink between transport corridors as well as safe and secure transportation came into play and relate to our theme. Undoubtedly, the discussions during the Forum process were extremely useful and recommendations for future activities would be accurately followed-up. Lithuania will be ready to play its active role in realization of follow-up actions.

We are grateful to the Kazakh Chairmanship for appointing ambassador Vytautas Naudužas as a Personal Representative of the Chairman in Office on transport security matters. His appointment has greatly facilitated and enhanced synergy and cooperation among the Kazakh and incoming Lithuanian chairmanships. His activities in the field of transportation and experience gained during this year will help Lithuania in shaping our priorities, in ensuring continuity in the work of our organization and will help to implement the good ideas and projects initiated under the current theme this year.

It is in this context that we believe “transport security” as one of the possible themes for next year Forum has a good reason to enjoy a broad support of pS. During Lithuania’s chairmanship to the OSCE we are planning to organize special sub-regional Baltic, Black Sea and Central Asia Forum devoted to new challenges developing transport sector and transport corridors in these regions. We will try to look at these new elements while continuing good work of the Kazakh Chairmanship.

Maastricht strategy document provides us with the broad menu for action. Good governance, fight against corruption, challenges posed by climate change and degradation of environment, cooperation in energy and transport sectors – all these thematic areas have or can have various implications to our common security. And they are inter-related.

Lately we note an increased interest among many participating States to the ideas aiming at intensifying our dialogue on energy related matters and a possible OSCE role in tackling them, including by addressing confidence building measures and transparency as well as energy diversification, effectiveness and green energy. Lithuania supports these ideas and

will be eager to work together with pS in trying to ensure that the theme of energy dialogue and cooperation finds its place in the agenda of Economic and Environmental Forum in 2011.

In this regard, initiatives on sub- regional level, we believe, could also have additional value and relevance.

Lithuania has offered to host OSCE special expert meeting on energy security. The event mandated by the Athens Ministerial Council Decision last year, is due to take place on 13-14 September 2010.

Ladies and Gentleman,

One of the challenges of any OSCE Chairmanship is to promote the broader capacity of economic and environmental dimension in strengthening the synergy between OSCE's dimensions and its potential in contributing to general OSCE's agenda.

The second dimension of the OSCE is as important as other two OSCE pillars and we should fully use its potential by giving more ground to the concept of comprehensive and indivisible security.

By doing so we would obviously need to keep in mind core activities of our organization, centered around conflict prevention and confidence building. The economic and environmental dimension, in this context, we believe could play as important role as other two dimensions.

And last but not least, I would also like to thank Chairmanship, the office of the Coordinator and our Czech hosts for excellent organization of the Forum, for interesting discussions and for warm hospitality.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.