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EU Statement - Point of Order (2)

Thank you Ms. Moderator.

Belgium on behalf of the EU would like to make again a point of order following the OSCE Rules of Procedure, Chapter 6, point (A), paragraph (e), on the participation of NGOs in the Human Dimension part of the Review Conference.

As interested participating States regarding NGO participation to the Review Conference, the EU member states would like to call on the Kazakh Chairmanship to also present itself as an interested participating States. We consider this is inherent to their role of OSCE Chairmanship.

We urge the Kazakh OSCE Chairmanship to give a strong recommendation to the OSCE Secretary General to allow the two Turkmen NGO members to participate in the Review Conference.

The EU reiterates that it remains strongly committed to the open and free participation of non-governmental organizations in OSCE Human Dimension meetings, as is set out in our commitments.

We would like to recall that when a decision is taken on the participation of NGOs in OSCE events, there can only be one criteria of consideration, namely the respect of Chapter IV, paragraph 16 of the Helsinki Document 1992, namely that persons or organization can not participate in OSCE events only when they “resort to the use of violence or publicly condone terrorism or the use of violence”.

The EU strongly demands that the Turkmen NGO members, Mr. Nurmukhammed Khanamov and Mr. Annadurdy Khadzhev, are admitted to participate in this year’s OSCE Review Conference, in accordance with the OSCE commitments.

I ask that this statement be attached to the Journal of the Day.