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**EU statement in response to the addresses by the
Secretary-General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic
speaking states, H.E. Halil Akinci, and by the Secretary-
General of the PA of Turkic speaking countries, H.E.
Jandos Asanov**

The European Union welcomes the Secretary-General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic speaking states, H.E. Halil Akinci, and the Secretary-General of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic speaking countries (TURKPA), H.E. Jandos Asanov, to the Permanent Council and thanks them for their addresses.

The EU would like to recall its support for the co-operation between the OSCE and other International Organisations that share its values, on the basis of the 1999 Platform for Co-operative Security and taking into account the added value they can bring to the work of our Organisation. In particular, the Platform aims at developing and maintaining political and operational coherence among various bodies operating in the OSCE area.

In this context, the European Union would like to reiterate its resolve to promote the implementation of the provisions of the Platform for Co-operative Security with a view to maximising the effectiveness of the OSCE. We are convinced of the need to further develop a mutually reinforcing relationship between the OSCE and those organisations and institutions that can contribute to the promotion of comprehensive security within the OSCE area and that fully respects and is aimed at furthering the implementation of our OSCE commitments.

In conclusion, we would like to thank once again H.E. Halil Akinci, and H.E. Jandos Asanov for their addresses and wish them success in their future endeavours.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, ICELAND+ and SERBIA*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates ALBANIA and BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country LIECHTENSTEIN, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of MOLDOVA, GEORGIA and ANDORRA align themselves with this statement.

* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.