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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
TALKING POINTS OF AMBASSADOR FREDERICKA GREGORY
ON THE ADDRESS BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND
CO-ORDINATOR FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS,
MS. EVA BIAUDET
768TH MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
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Thank you Madame Chairperson,

- I would like to join previous speakers in warmly welcoming Ms. Eva Biaudet the OSCE Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, back to the Permanent Council. I wish to thank her for addressing us today and for circulating the well-written and insightful report entitled “Labour Exploitation in Agricultural Sector of the OSCE region”..
- Trafficking in human beings is an unacceptable phenomenon and complex issue that requires serious international attention and concerted responses, especially in the field of prevention. Canada commends the dedication and excellent work of the OSCE's Special Representative and Coordinator and her team in combating human trafficking in our region, and we support the implementation of recent Ministerial Council Decisions on this important issue, which should remain a focus of our work.
- The OSCE has developed an expertise in combating human trafficking and is making a difference on the ground by working with countries of origin, transit and destination. By avoiding duplicative efforts with other relevant international actors, and by focusing on specific, achievable goals, we are confident that the OSCE can continue to play an important role in addressing this important security challenge.
- We welcome the attention this year to addressing the links between human trafficking, the current economic crisis, migration issues and labour exploitation in the agricultural sector; where women and children are particularly affected. All these issues are pieces of a larger puzzle that needs to be better understood and addressed through concerted actions and comprehensive legal approaches both at national and sub-regional levels.

- We understand that two participating States are currently undergoing country assessments that should be completed by year's end. We look forward to such reports as they provide valuable insights, lessons-learned and best-practices for participating States facing similar challenges.
- In closing, allow me to thank the OSCE Special Representative and Coordinator and her team and to wish them much continued success. You have Canada's support.