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Thank you, Chair.

Denmark fully aligns with the statement delivered by the European Union, but please allow me to add the following remarks in my national capacity.

Mr. Chair

As this trimester come to a close allow me to reflect a bit. At the opening meeting, I said that now more than ever, it is important to recall that the OSCE, including the Helsinki Decalogue, exists to promote peace, enhance security, contribute to justice and strengthened cooperation.

One tool to that end is our weekly FSC-meetings here in Neuer Saal at Hofburg. To meet weekly, to consult, even when one or two participating states have chosen a path in direct contradiction with the commitments we have all voluntarily signed up to.

Mr. Chair.

Your leadership of the Forum was challenged unduly, but you managed to find a path that allowed those of us who value dialogue, which is the overwhelming majority in this room, to continue our discussions. I thank you for this.

Mr. Chair.

Your chosen subjects for Security Dialogues were pertinent, well within the mandate of the FSC and allowed for a lively exchange of opinions. Let me especially single out the Security Dialogues on Emerging Technologies and on Military Education, both of which provided new and valuable insights on how the present adverse security climate is also a driver for change.

Mr. Chair.

Today, it is also time to welcome Spain to the Troika and direct a heartfelt thank you to Cyprus for your service through the last three trimesters, including for your firm hand as Chair, when faced with Russia's attempts to obstruct the proceedings of this Forum.

Mr. Chair.

Denmark assumes the chair of FSC in September in challenging times, as Russia continues to wage an illegal and immoral war against Ukraine. This grim reality will likely continue to inform and shape our dialogue in the FSC.

In the face of blatant challenges, Denmark is committed to ensuring continued consultations and discussions in this room among Participating States.

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