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THE 1088th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**In response to the Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo**

Mr. Chairperson,

France obviously supports the statement by the European Union, but we should like to add one comment in our national capacity.

We greatly appreciate the work done by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, which carries out the weighty task of helping the Kosovo authorities to strengthen their institutions and providing democratization assistance.

The activities of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo have evolved in line with the major strategic priorities established by the Mission for the 2016–2019 period, the internal reform process which it has undertaken and the assistance that the Mission has provided in implementing the Belgrade-Priština Dialogue agreement. The Mission is therefore gradually adapting its activities to the host country's needs.

France considers in this regard that it would be useful for all parties, as well as for this Organization, if the representatives of Kosovo could be present when the activities carried out by the Mission are discussed at the Permanent Council. It is, after all, regrettable that Kosovo, as a host State to one of the largest field missions of the OSCE, does not have the option of attending discussions directly concerning it. We ask for this situation to be remedied in the future.