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**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR CHRISTINE FAGES,  
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AT THE CONCLUDING MEETING OF THE 29th OSCE ECONOMIC AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

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**Session: The way to Stockholm**

Ambassadors,  
Dear colleagues,

France associates itself with the statement by the European Union but would like to add a few remarks in a national capacity.

We welcome the three themes chosen by the Swedish Chairmanship and hope that the participating States will devote their entire attention to the three draft texts.

As recalled by the 26 participating States that are members of the Informal Group of Friends on the Environment, which spoke during the opening session, we have not adopted a text on the environment since 2013.

As emphasized by a number of States at the High-Level Conference marking the 30th anniversary of the Bonn Document, it is important for the OSCE to undertake new commitments to protect the environment and to move forward in the implementation of existing ones.

At a time when climate change, the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of our environment pose an increasing threat to our security, all OSCE participating States without exception are affected.

It is in all of our interests to find a common denominator without politicization so as to adopt texts that will contribute to our security and that of future generations.

Thank you.