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Like all of the speakers before me, I should like particularly to thank the host country Kazakhstan for the quality of the welcome accorded to us here in Astana. I should also like to commend the excellence of the work of the Chairmanship during its mandate and in the preparation of this Summit.

The Principality of Monaco is proud to be one of the signatories of the Helsinki Accords of 1975. From the outset it has supported the principle of a Summit of Heads of State or Government to breathe fresh life into the OSCE as a continuation of the Corfu Process. Its agreement can be seen in the documents that constitute the intellectual basis of the Summit and also the road map for the Organization for the years to come.

In its way and with the means available to it, Monaco unreservedly supports the idea of a Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security and co-operation community capable of confronting the new threats from outside and of resolving the problems born from within. It also shares the community of values and principles that form the basis of the OSCE and must be respected. It hopes that it is appreciated within the Organization as well for the specific contribution it makes to its chosen programmes.

How, in fact, can a State like ours participate specifically and usefully in the life of the OSCE?

Basically it can do so today by supporting programmes that coincide with Monaco's policy of humanitarian co-operation: activities aimed at the most vulnerable people, notably women and children. In this regard, we welcome the initiative by the Kazakh Chairmanship to make this one of the priorities of its mandate.

For several years the Principality has thus supported civil society initiatives in favour of children who are, or are in danger of becoming, victims of trafficking. These endeavours will be continued and reinforced, as far as possible in partnership with friendly States of a similar size: Andorra, San Marino and Liechtenstein.

We are glad to be part of this original group established to help support OSCE programmes in a way that the individual members would be unable to do on their own. This has occurred this year with the agreement signed by Monaco and the OSCE to prevent trafficking in children without parental care in the Republic of Moldova, for which financing has been earmarked for three years, from 2010 to 2012. In this context, we confirm our full

support for the work accomplished by Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, OSCE Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

The conservation and enhancement of the environment are also a long-standing and abiding concern of the Principality. Continuing the work started by his father Prince Rainier III, His Serene Highness the Sovereign Prince is thus making a determined practical commitment to protect the environment. In the years to come Monaco will give serious consideration to the possibility of co-operation with the OSCE in this second dimension, whose importance, which is linked to the human and environmental security of the participating States, cannot but grow, provided that it focuses specifically on those areas where the OSCE's legitimacy and resources contribute real added value. You can be certain that in this area and in others the Principality of Monaco will unfailingly keep up its long-term efforts.

I would like to conclude by thanking the Kazakh Chairmanship once again for the role it has played in this decisive year. Likewise, I can assure Lithuania of our support and availability at the start of its Chairmanship.

Thank you for your attention.