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**STATEMENT ON THE CONFERENCE
“OSCE from Helsinki to date – achievements and prospects”
(Bucharest, 30th of June, 2010)**

*Delivered at the 824th Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
Vienna, 22nd of July 2010*

Mr. Chairman.

We have the pleasure to inform the Permanent Council on the Conference “OSCE from Helsinki to date – achievements and prospects”, hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania on June 30, 2010. The event marked the 35th anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, on August 1st, 1975, at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, as well as the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Charter of Paris for a New Europe.

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, H.E. Mr. Teodor Baconschi, opened the Conference by stressing the relevance of the Helsinki moment for the European security. He also recalled the main moments in the Organization’s history, today’s prospects for OSCE as a forum for dialogue and cooperation in the field of security, the importance of the Corfu Process and Romania’s support for an OSCE Summit, to be organized by the Kazakhstan’s Chairmanship-in-Office of the OSCE. The head of the Romanian diplomacy also highlighted Romania’s contribution to some important achievements in the history of the Organization.

The message by the President of Romania, H.E. Mr. Traian Băsescu, revealed the OSCE’s vocation as a democratic player in the security sphere, the complementary and indispensable role of the three dimensions of the OSCE / CSCE for the comprehensive concept of security and the increasingly relevant role of the Organization in dealing with new asymmetrical threats. Having as prerequisites the unity and harmonization of objectives, as well as dialogue and cooperation between allies and partners, the ongoing efforts within the OSCE have to be streamlined with the view to create a Euro-Atlantic and Euro-Asian area of security, stability and democracy.

Amongst other speakers - which included Romanian ambassadors from the Helsinki generation and academics - the Secretary of State for Strategic Affairs within the Romanian MFA, Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, pointed out the developments within the Corfu Process, Romania's initiatives in this framework and the activity as Coordinator for enhancing the effectiveness of the OSCE. He mentioned the need to evaluate and reassess the mechanisms and the tool box at the disposal of the OSCE, in order to increase their efficiency.

The documents of the Conference will be published as an Occasional Paper.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.