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Madame Chairperson/Mr. Chairman

Liechtenstein highly values the human dimension sector. One cannot overemphasise that the activities of the Institutions and field missions of this dimension are at the core of the work of the OSCE. For many years Liechtenstein has been supporting various OSCE-projects. Thereby, we take into account all three dimensions. The development of new established countries and their institution building was and will remain of great concern to Liechtenstein. Especially with Montenegro we have a very fruitful cooperation, where we have supported many different projects in the field of human trafficking, the fight against corruption or the demilitarisation with approximately 90'000 Euros.

The strength of the OSCE lies in its institutions. These institutions have to be further strengthened, existing mechanisms implemented and, if needed, new mechanisms created. Also in light of the Corfu Process, we should consider the possibility of including the recommendations of the High Commissioner on National Minorities, Mr. Knut Vollebaek, into the Acquis. Liechtenstein fully supports the work of Miklos Haraszti, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. With regard to human trafficking, we have profited of the expertise of the OSCE and highly value the work of OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Eva Biaudet. We would like to thank Ms. Biaudet and Mr. Haraszti for their excellent work and wish them all the best for their professional and personal future.

Concerning the activities of ODIHR I would like to stress Liechtenstein's long support to the important work of ODIHR. Liechtenstein has been contributing to ensure its sustainability and attaches great importance to the area of election observation. In 2008, Liechtenstein has invited ODIHR for an election observation mission with regard to the upcoming elections that took place in spring 2009. We are pleased with the report of ODIHR, which, in our opinion, gave us a good assessment. The recommendations of this visit are very useful with regard to upcoming elections.

In total, Liechtenstein has provided around 160'000 Euros to different projects of the OSCE in the year 2008. Liechtenstein shows solidarity with regard to extra budgetary contribution, but at the same time also shows solidarity when it comes to the implementation of commitments.

Madam Chairperson / Mr. Chairman

As this was the first time that my delegation took the floor at this years meeting here in Warsaw, I would like to thank the Government of Poland as well as ODIHR for the organisation of this Implementation Meeting.

Thank you Mr. Chairman / Madam Chairperson