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**Armenia  
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Mr. Chairman,

We would also like to thank the Irish Chairmanship and the Conflict Prevention Centre for the remarkable effort put into the organisation of this conference.

The contentful presentations of our distinguished speakers and the Secretary General will undoubtedly guide us in our deliberations in the course of coming days.

We couldn't agree more that the role of the OSCE and its comprehensive and cross-dimensional approach to security remains as defining as it has been nearly four decades since the adoption of the Helsinki Final Act. The OSCE has always been acclaimed for its ability to engender new ideas that reflect the ever-changing security environment.

To achieve the goal of security community as it was set by the Astana Summit Commemorative Declaration, probably as a first step, we need to reinvent our philosophy, our perceptions of security. We need to possibly extend overcome the "security dilemma", we need to learn to provide for our individual national or collective security at the practicable lowest level. That is what can become the indispensable security denominator.

Recently the catchword during the different discussions is the term "political will." Political will is required to implement decisions - hundreds of them. But the problem is that the political will was also required when those decisions were being adopted. And, in any case, the political will is necessarily generated at the domestic national level. Then why it has been successfully generated when the decision was being adopted and it is missing when the time comes to implement those same decisions? Maybe we should rather talk about the political agenda? Maybe that's

what in fact defines our behavior? And, thus, we need to align, synchronize and harmonize our political schemes. That will help to implement the adopted decisions, engage in earnest in confidence and security building that leads to meaningful solutions to existing conflicts in particular.

Earlier I referred to the OSCE's ability to come up with new ideas. But the ideas always need to be tested against the prevailing circumstances. Something that is being introduced anew should not inadvertently create predicaments to already ongoing endeavor to unravel the complex knots.

We support decisions currently on discussion table but, at the same time, we care enough not to let some insignificant elements become brakes for the future viability of those same decisions.

Mr. Chairman,

An additional remark on conflicts: Our distinguished speakers and a number of representatives alluded to them. We fully subscribe to the position voiced by Mr. E. Rubin in regard to Nagorno Karabagh conflict. We are prepared to positively engage in the implementation of the already agreed confidence building measures that only, and I emphasize only, will contribute to the advancement of the negotiation process.

Thank you Mr. Chairman