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Madame/Mr. Moderator,

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the authorities of the Republic of Poland as well as to director Gisladdottir and her team at ODIHR for excellent organization of the 2019 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

The HDIM, as the most important event in the Human Dimension field, give us the opportunity to discuss the pressing human rights and democracy issues and to exchange the views with the representatives of the civil society

During the past two weeks, we have heard a lot of useful and important views and recommendations and witnessed very interesting debates, reminding us of the value of human rights and democracy and even more of our duty to protect and promote them.

Republic of Serbia has always considered HDIM to be an excellent opportunity to present our good practices in the field of human rights and to hear the views and experiences of the other participants that could help us in

improving our deficiencies. The experiences we gained during this important event will be of huge importance for the relevant institutions of the Republic of Serbia that have been here with us for the past two weeks, as well as for those who participated in the preparation of our delegation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

At the very end, let me thank to the Slovak Chairmanship for keeping the Human Dimension topics high on the OSCE agenda and for their tireless efforts in the process of organization of the HDIM 2019. Allow me to use this opportunity to express our expectation that the incoming Albanian chairmanship will continue to preserve the most important Human Dimension topics on the top of their priorities.

Thank you.