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TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
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Statement of the Delegation of Albania  
In response to the Regular PC Report of Ms. Dunja Mijatović,  
The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

As delivered by Ambassador Spiro Koçi  
at the 956<sup>th</sup> meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council  
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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

Albania joins other delegations in extending a warm welcome to Representative Mijatović back to the Permanent Council. We would like to express our appreciation for her comprehensive and well-documented report as well as for her thoughtful presentation today.

The report is yet another evidence of the fact that no OSCE participating State is immune from violations of the OSCE media freedom commitments. We therefore applaud the determination of Representative Mijatović to monitor these violations and to promote full compliance with the OSCE commitments in this field.

As the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania emphasized in his letter addressed to you on the occasion of your deserved reappointment, Albania will continue to lend its full support to the broad and comprehensive mandate of your Office, which allows you to respond to existing as well as emerging threats and challenges to freedom of expression and freedom of the media, including in the internet.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to reiterate our gratitude for the professional fashion in which Ms. Mijatović implements her mandate.

Over the reporting period the Government of Albania has maintained a close working relationship with the Office of Representative Mijatović with a view to addressing all concerns related to media freedom in Albania that she has raised with us.

We are committed to pursue our fruitful dialogue with the Office of Ms. Mijatović in order to further advance media freedom in Albania in line with the OSCE commitments and international standards.

We look forward to seeing you, Ms. Mijatović, again in Albania during the proceedings of the regional media conference that you are planning to convene in Tirana this fall.

By way of conclusion, I would like to wish Representative Mijatović every success in her second term in office.

I thank you Mr. Chairperson.