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On behalf of my Ambassador I would like to warmly welcome and congratulate Croatia on assuming the Chairpersonship of the Forum for Security Cooperation.

Croatia is taking up the Chairpersonship of the FSC at a time when the OSCE concept of comprehensive, co-operative and indivisible security is under serious threat and the whole European security architecture is shattered. These challenging times require resolute action to facilitate targeted discussions and cooperation aimed at strengthening the role and the mandate of the FSC and the foundations of the OSCE as a genuine platform for dialogue and co-operation.

Mr. Chair,

We thank you for outlining your priorities and goals for the next trimester which we believe are significant for our work.

In this vein we would like to particularly commend the Croatian Chairpersonship for their commitment to advance the Woman, Peace and Security agenda as a topic of key importance, which represents a significant milestone in promoting and protecting the fundamental human rights of women including in the context of conflict situations. We firmly believe that peace and security related efforts are more sustainable when women are equal partners in the prevention of violent conflicts, the delivery of relief and recovery efforts, as well as in contributing to the lasting and durable settlements. The scheduled discussions on implementation of the commitments under the Resolution 1325 would also be a good opportunity to address threats and challenges, as cases of violence, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of women, including female service members continue to occur in many conflict zones and armed aggressions.

We also noted with interest the inclusion of new topics for discussion during the upcoming trimester. In this regard, we particularly highlight the Security Dialogue on Emerging

technologies and military data collection; Open-source intelligence (OSINT). With the continuous expansion and evolution of the open source environment and advancement of artificial intelligence tools, OSINT provides opportunities in acquiring open-source information which is valuable especially in conflict situations and armed aggressions. In particular, those tools can help to uncover cases of human rights abuses, war crimes and violations of International Humanitarian Law. At the same time, it is important to address the risks posed by the misuse of OSINT, which can entail certain violations of International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law.

In closing, Mr. Chair, let me wish you, and your able team every success during the upcoming trimester, and hope that your Chairpersonship will be marked by important accomplishments in these extremely difficult times.

We have confidence in your Chairpersonship's ability to prevent any attempts to misuse the FSC platform for political manipulations and abuse of its mechanisms to legitimize the outcomes of illegal use of force.

We assure you that the Chairpersonship of Croatia can count on our full support in its stewardship of the FSC, aimed at ensuring meaningful discussions on challenging political-military issues. We also welcome Denmark as a new Troika member and we thank Canada, the outgoing Troika member, for the tireless efforts.

Thank you.