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**Mr. Chairperson,**

The review of OSCE police-related activities is a relatively new but important contribution to the 2010 Annual Security Review Conference and my delegation welcomes the forward-looking perspectives and strategic recommendations contained in the Secretary General's report.

I would like to express our vision on the importance and added value of the OSCE's successful police related activities, being convinced that we will benefit in the future of the means, tools, instruments and mechanisms to improve the Organization's and Participating States' capacity on combating transnational threats.

Romania has concluded more than 90 bilateral co-operation agreements in the field of preventing and combating organised crime, trafficking in human beings, illegal migration, trafficking in drugs, terrorism and other non-conventional threats to security with countries from Europe, Asia and American continent.

Romania ratified the international and regional conventions and protocols related to states' responsibilities for combating the asymmetrical threats to security, under the umbrella of the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the SECI Regional Centre for Combating Trans-border Crime, the South-Eastern Police Cooperation Convention and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

The Ministry of Administration and Interior is involved with qualified personnel, over 250 people, in field operations and international missions under the aegis of the UN, EU and OSCE, as an important contribution to strengthening security and stability in different regions of the world.

Police-related activities are complementing the rule of law and contributing to good governance in a holistic approach, taking into account the various legal systems within the OSCE participating states.

We consider that a better identification of areas or niches where the Organization may play an important role is highly and urgently required. For instance, enhancing the OSCE role in civilian police-related activities and extending this role to the area of post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation may be a constructive idea in this respect.

We pay great attention to strengthen the coordination role of OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit. In our view, all these efforts will be further sustained by a better identification of the similar institutions or mechanisms competent to coordinate at national level the drafting and implementation of related policies and activities.

Building futures activities it is important to further promote and sustain training as a method of permanent adaptation to the evolution of organized crime and other transnational threats.

Thank you very much.