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TO THE OSCE, AT THE MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**In response to the address by the President of the
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly**

Mr. Chairperson,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly is an important institution of our Organization and creates the necessary framework and basis for interparliamentary dialogue and co-operation at the political level among participating States and their elected representatives. In this way the Parliamentary Assembly ensures the necessary link between the OSCE and the citizens of our countries and helps to promote the values and principles of the Organization.

For our part, we should like to draw particular attention to the resolution unanimously adopted in Belgrade at the initiative of Belarus on "Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons". This resolution urges international, regional and subregional organizations, including the OSCE, to contribute, within their respective mandates, to the full and effective implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action.

We believe it is important that the aforementioned document of the Parliamentary Assembly and its provisions be properly taken into account in a ministerial declaration on combating trafficking in human beings, which we are planning to adopt at the forthcoming OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Vilnius.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.