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EU Statement in Response to Address by the Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr. Maroš Šefčovič

The European Union warmly welcomes the Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr. Maroš Šefčovič, to the Permanent Council and thanks him for outlining how the EU addresses the relation between energy and security, and how this is linked to other fields of security.

As you have mentioned, Mr. Vice-President, peace, security and stability also rely on a stable economic environment – which includes safe and sustainable access to energy supply, protection of critical energy infrastructure, and international cooperation on energy related issues. Energy security is, therefore, for us a key issue in the OSCE's Economic and Environmental Dimension and an integral part of the organisation's comprehensive approach to security.

We stand ready to actively engage in discussions here in Vienna on how the OSCE can further enhance its role as a useful platform for dialogue, cooperation and exchange of information and best practices on energy security. In this context, we look forward to our discussions at 2nd preparatory meeting of the 25th Economic and Environmental Forum next month on Green Economy, including the contribution of renewable energy to energy security.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, SERBIA* and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries ICELAND and LIECHTENSTEIN, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.