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Madame Moderator,

First, let me thank the keynote speakers for thoroughly thought-provoking statements, especially on the role of women and the need to take gender into account when working on conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

It is conventional wisdom that prevention is better than cure. The OSCE doesn't have a particularly good track record when it comes to solving conflicts. Strengthening measures aimed at preventing conflicts is more effective and this is where the OSCE has demonstrated its added value.

The head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, ambassador Braathu, has given good examples of how field operations contribute to identifying problems and addressing them before they turn into crises. This shows how such presences represent real added value to the host countries and our organisation. As such, the field operations deserve our support as participating States.

Thank you for your attention

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