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Mr. Chairman, Honourable Minister Azubalis,  
Distinguished Colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I thank the Lithuanian Chairmanship for the excellent work done this year. I also express my gratitude for the warm and generous hospitality here in Vilnius.

For all of us, the OSCE constitutes an important guarantee of security. It demonstrates the Euro-Atlantic and Euro-Asian willingness to establish a single, indivisible security community, based on trust and observing the principles and commitments undertaken, as well as democracy, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, on which my country has laid its foundations.

This year the Lithuanian Chairmanship has decided to continue the self-examination of the Organization, initiated by the Greek Chairmanship with the Corfu Process, through the “V to V Dialogues”, by further analysing specific issues of vital importance: first of all the conflict cycle, but also early warning of possible crises, mediation support and management, reconciliation and post-conflict rehabilitation.

It has emerged from the Dialogues that the OSCE can really play a pivotal role in the conflicts affecting our area and it has proven it. Not only can our Organization refine its approach and further calibrate its instruments, but it shall continue to review its activity on a regular basis. Moreover, we have to acknowledge the many steps forward and the positive developments that have taken place, also thanks to the contribution of this Organization.

We support the current negotiations formats to resolve protracted conflicts in accordance with international law, in particular with the Charter of the United Nations and the Helsinki Final Act, and we are confident in a positive and decisive development of such processes.

Since it was established, the OSCE has been working to rebuild a security community through an accurate and demanding dialogue, through field Missions - that are our Organization's hands and heart -, through the support to participating States thanks to concrete projects, through training

programmes, exchange of information and better practices, as well as through an accurate and sometimes complex peer review.

San Marino, which has always been a neutral country and has no army, promotes disarmament in the fields of conventional arms, weapons of mass destruction and nuclear weapons. It believes that the exchange of military information is a valid and effective instrument and cooperates in countering international terrorism and transnational organised crime.

San Marino also supports the OSCE and other international Organisations' efforts in combating corruption and money laundering.

We hope that the on-going updating process of the Vienna Document will be further developed and that the debate on the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) will lead to a positive outcome.

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to reiterate the support of my country to the fight against transnational threats, terrorism, environmental disasters and energy security. Such challenges can only be addressed through better planned, more pragmatic and coordinated international cooperation, also in collaboration with other international Organisations. For this reason, we need to enhance dialogue and strengthen confidence-building measures among participating States by creating an effective contact and cooperation network.

Development and cooperation in economy and trade lay at the foundations of flourishing societies, where individuals and nations live in peace. Therefore, the measures aimed at building confidence among participating States in the economic and environmental dimensions are of extreme importance. The projects in the environmental and economic fields can also facilitate dialogue during negotiations and in post-conflict reconstruction. Unfortunately, the Second Dimension has been underestimated within the OSCE for a long time and I hope this situation may change soon.

For our country, the Third Dimension is crucial to the achievement of peace and the establishment of a security community. The respect for human rights, the rule of law,

fundamental freedoms - including freedom of religion, freedom of association, media freedom and media pluralism -, the promotion of equal opportunities as well as the fight against intolerance and discrimination constitute the essentials of democracy. All participating States have the duty to work towards the full compliance with these OSCE commitments.

The abolition of death penalty remains a priority for us. For this reason we urge, once again, all countries still providing for death penalty in their legal systems to abolish it or, at least, to establish a moratorium with a view to its total abolition.

San Marino wishes to reiterate its support to ODIHR's work, to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and the OSCE Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

We also renew our support to the important activity carried out by the Parliamentary Assembly and we urge for an increasingly close cooperation with ODIHR in monitoring elections and post-election developments.

San Marino considers that it is essential for this Organization to cooperate with all partners. Therefore, it would welcome the OSCE involvement in the democratisation processes of the Countries experiencing the so-called "Arab Spring" upon their request.

Furthermore, we are pleased that Mongolia has requested to become a participating State.

Finally, I would like to focus on the need to confer international legal personality and related privileges and immunities on this Organization in order to preserve its independence and integrity. We express the hope that an agreement among delegations will soon be reached.

After the Astana Summit, we have noted a revitalization of our Organization. However, we hope that more may be done.

In conclusion, I extend my best wishes to the forthcoming Irish and Ukrainian Chairmanships. San Marino supports the priorities of the future Irish Chairmanship, among which I single out good governance and energy security.

Thank you.