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Délégation du Canada auprès de
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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE
OSCE RULES OF PROCEDURE
723RD MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
24 JULY 2008**

On behalf of the delegations of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, and Canada, I would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure, regarding the Decision on the agenda, timetable, and organizational modalities of the OSCE Political Conference on Public-Private Partnership in Countering Terrorism. Our interpretation of paragraph 1 of Section III Participation is that, in accordance with Helsinki Principles and established practice, NGOs are not excluded from participating in their own right in this conference, adopted under silence procedure. We ask that this statement on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland be attached to the decision adopted and included as an annex to the journal of the day.