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**Statement of the Delegation of Albania
on the „SEECF Tirana Summit”, held in Tirana, on 26th May 2015, as
delivered by the Permanent Representative, Ambassador Spiro Koçi, at the
1055th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council, 28 May 2015**

Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to inform briefly the Council that last Tuesday, the 26th of May, the SEECF Summit took place in Tirana, under the Albanian Chairmanship, marking also its end. OSCE Secretary General has been invited by the President of the Republic of Albania as a special guest. He has provided a valuable contribution to the Summit.

The leaders of SEE have endorsed also a Joint Declaration at the end of the Summit. Through this Declaration, the participants, among other:

- Reaffirmed their conviction that the EU enlargement policy
- and the accession of the South East Europe to the EU
- serve the strategic interest of both the entire SEE region and the European Union

They emphasized the role of the South East Europe region for the security and stability of Europe and acknowledge the actions taken/ and progress in confidence-building and enhancing cooperation in the security sphere. They agreed to continue to take steps that aim to improve our region's contribution to global peace and security.

They commended the essential role played by SEECF in fostering dialogue, good neighbourly relations, stability and prosperity for the region and its European perspective. It was also underlined that the synergy between SEECF and RCC has strengthened and deepened the regional cooperation process in South East Europe, to the benefit of the region and its people.

They approved the appointment by the SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs, that took place in Tirana on 22 May 2015, of Mr. Goran Svilanovic , for a new mandate as Secretary General of the RCC.

The Summit expressed deep appreciation for the ambitious and dynamic agenda of the Albanian Chairmanship-in-Office for further strengthening and enhancing regional cooperation, and highly appreciated the diverse set of programs and events, both in terms of quantity and quality, that have taken place since June 2014.

They also welcomed the incoming Chairmanship-in-Office of the Republic of Bulgaria and decided that the next SEECP Summit will be held in the Republic of Bulgaria in 2016.

The full text of the SEECP Summit Declaration is already distributed to the Delegations of all PS by OSCE Conference Services.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.