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Secretary General on Police-related activities**

The European Union warmly thanks the Secretary General for his Report on OSCE police-related activities of the OSCE Executive Structures up to the End of 2009. It is well-documented, well-structured and clear and fits in with the mandate given by the Permanent Council decision 914/09.

This is not a compilation of summed-up annual reports; this is a real stock-taking exercise. The report contains a very interesting overview of what has been done over the last 10 years. It also clearly informs about trends in time and space and many other relevant details.

The report will help delegations, capitals, and even maybe the Secretariat, to have a better picture of the situation. It also shows the considerable involvement of the OSCE in police-related activities, which is often underestimated, probably because most of those activities are carried out far away from Vienna.

The EU also commends the efforts made to carry out an assessment of the activities by following a proven methodology and using an innovative medium such as the Policing OnLine Information System (POLIS) to facilitate the participation of all stakeholders. Moreover, this work not only required a sense of organisation and creativity, it also took a certain amount of courage, especially to admit shortcomings.

The EU also expresses its gratitude for the three sets of recommendations. Once substantiated by concrete and operational proposals, they will provide us with a good basis for discussion on the Annual Police Experts Meeting on 20-21 May and the Annual Security Review Conference. The recommendations also come out very timely to the Corfu process, since law enforcement assistance is the main course of action of the OSCE in combating transnational threats.

Los países candidatos TURQUÍA, CROACIA* y la ANTIGUA REPÚBLICA YUGOSLAVA DE MACEDONIA*, los países del Proceso de Estabilización y Asociación y los países candidatos potenciales, ALBANIA, BOSNIA Y HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO y SERBIA, los países de la Asociación Europea de Libre Comercio y los miembros del Espacio Económico Europeo, ISLANDIA y LIECHTENSTEIN al igual que la REPÚBLICA DE MOLDAVIA, ARMENIA y GEORGIA se suman a esta declaración.

*Croacia y la Antigua República Yugoslava de Macedonia siguen perteneciendo al proceso de Estabilización y Asociación.