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**Mr. Chairman / Chairmen,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Let me begin by expressing our sincere gratitude to the Government of Slovenia and H.E. Mr. Dimitrij Rupel, Foreign Minister and Chairman-In-Office of the OSCE, for the excellent organization of this Conference and the warm-hearted hospitality extended to all of us here in Ljubljana. Our thanks also go to the OSCE Troika and Secretariat for their restless efforts and dedication in guiding us through this very commemorative year.

One year has been elapsing since Mongolia became the Partners for Cooperation, and it is remarkable for us that this year is coincided with significant dates in the history of the OSCE as the 30th anniversary of Helsinki Final Act and 15th anniversary of the Paris Charter that had laid the solid foundation of this largest regional security organization.

Present day security is a complex issue consisting of political, military, socio-economic, cultural, environmental and humanitarian components which are deeply interlinked with each other. It demands multifaceted approach and combined efforts to deal with, and the OSCE is playing an important role in building flexible mechanism to address them.

We do consider that security begins at home and spreads to the region and the world and vice versa the global security has its impact on the region, country and every human being. This is like two-sided road with intensive traffic and nobody can stand beyond of it. Mongolia is actively working with the UN and other international organizations, including the OSCE, to strengthen global peace and security by joining to the International Conventions and other legal documents on proliferation of all kinds of weapons, combating terrorism and international crime.

On November 3, 2005 Mongolia has signed the International Convention on Suppression against the Nuclear Terrorism, thus becoming a party to all 13 international Instruments on the terrorism fight. Now we are working on the issues of bringing the domestic laws into the conformity with the provisions of those instruments, as well as issues of combating corruption, international terrorism and it's financing.

One of the pillars of comprehensive security is strengthening of understanding and tolerance among peoples of different cultures. In its history, Mongolia was a home of various nations, cultures and beliefs throughout Euro-Asian continent. On November 14, the 60th General Assembly of the UN adopted a non-vote resolution on 800th anniversary of Mongolian Statehood which we will celebrate next year. The resolution co-sponsored by 36 countries, welcomed the efforts of Mongolia and other member countries to preserve nomadic culture and traditions in modern societies, and invited members, UN bodies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to take active participation in celebrating of this important event.

Mr. Chairman ,

As a new Partner for Cooperation, Mongolia has been involved in and kept on various developments of the OSCE. We are working in close collaboration with all our Partners for Cooperation to strengthen ties with the OSCE as well as among ourselves. We consider that good start will serve a good running in our cooperation with the OSCE making it as substantial and useful as possible. That's why it is important for us to identify the areas where we can cooperate more effectively and help each other with utmost returns. Taking into account our specifics and needs, Mongolia considers that exchange of experiences and cooperation in election legislation and observation, capacity building of the law enforcement bodies, as well as conducting joint projects in economic, environmental and human security issues would be a good start for our cooperation with the OSCE.

Finally, we would like wish every success to the Belgium Chairmanship of the OSCE next year, and express our willingness to work closely together with them for the further promotion and development of our cooperation with the OSCE.

Thank you very much.