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Mr. Moderator,
Ladies and gentlemen,

To begin with, allow me to extend to you all the good wishes of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. Every year, under the auspices of the OSCE, the representatives of our countries come together to discuss the most pressing issues and problems facing the international community, the objective being to study the experience of OSCE participating States and to devise and recommend innovative models for resolving the problems involved in creating a society in which human beings can safely live on our shared planet.

Having declared itself an integral part of the international community, Tajikistan has undertaken a number of commitments.

As one of the 56 participating States of the OSCE, the Republic of Tajikistan has assumed a considerable number of commitments to genuinely ensure and observe human rights and has ratified eight principal international treaties concerned with human rights:

- The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
- The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
- The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
- The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
- The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
- The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
- The Convention on the Rights of the Child;

- The Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others.

While in the early days Tajikistan submitted its initial reports on these international instruments, with the exception of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, it is now preparing or has already prepared the latest of its national reports, including on the aforementioned convention. Work is also under way to implement the recommendations of the United Nations committees following their examination of these initial national reports.

Every State that is endeavouring to build a democratic society does whatever it can to see to it that this mirror is crystal clear. However, the democratization of society does not take place in the same way in every country, that is, it proceeds in a way that is specific to a particular society and to that society's perception of the process. All constructive proposals by the international community must be taken into account during the democratization of a society. Unfounded criticism, on the other hand, is naturally not taken into consideration.

It should be noted that democracy must not become the subject of political blackmail, interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States and police abuses. We believe that no single international organization intends to undermine the stability of any particular State. Sovereign Tajikistan can point to achievements of its own in building a democratic society. These have to do with the reaching of consensus with the armed opposition and the transition by that opposition to the use of peaceful civilized forms of political competition, including the entry of its representatives into Parliament and the implementation of the constitutional principle of political and ideological pluralism under the difficult circumstances involved in establishing a secular State in which there is a political party with a religious agenda. I believe that all of this can work to the benefit of democratic society anywhere in the world.

In concluding my brief statement, I should like to wish all of you fruitful and constructive discussions in pursuit of the goal that has brought us here together.

Thank you for your attention.