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Statement of the Georgian Delegation

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am happy to congratulate the OSCE Kazakh Chairmanship on the opening of the 2010 OSCE Review Conference. I also would like to thank colleagues from Poland for hosting, this time, first part of the Review Conference in 2010, which will address implementation of human dimension commitments. An agenda of the Warsaw part of the Review Conference is indeed comprehensive and I sincerely hope that we will conclude our work with sounding results.

Year 2010 marks truly important development in the OSCE. After 11 years of gap we have agreed to hold a Summit meeting in Astana in the end of this year. It goes without saying that important work lies ahead of us. Both in Vienna and in our capitals, we have already been engaged in extensive preparatory work for the Astana Summit. Only two days ago, we had a second Ambassadorial Meeting back in Vienna to discuss topical issues of our work, including strengthening human dimension. I am sure that those discussions would be also relevant to our deliberations here, in Warsaw.

I believe that the overarching objective of a three-part Review Conference ahead of the OSCE Summit should be to make valuable and concrete contribution to our joint efforts aiming at making the Summit truly a landmark event with its positive outcomes on most pressing issues in the OSCE area.

Priorities on conflict cycle, arms control, transnational threats and human dimension that have been identified as a consequence of our continuous deliberations should guide our work in the course of a Review Conference; more so, if we want to be consistent and result-oriented in our work.

Dear Colleagues,

We do not start review process from the scratches. We have already been engaged in an open dialogue in the framework of the Corfu Process. Our dialogue has evolved through regular and inclusive meetings with the objective to overview the current challenges and identify the main priorities and directions for our future action. The Corfu Process has been an effective review process in the OSCE and we need to ensure its successful continuation. Whole bunch of extremely useful new ideas and initiatives have emerged from this process. The Interim Report depicts thoroughly all ideas put forward during our deliberations. We should give a chance to the truly valuable and important initiatives and proposals that the Interim Report offers and take them forward. In that context, let me praise the significant contribution that the Corfu Coordinators have made so far and underline the importance to reactivate and reanimate their role.

Our priorities in the field of human dimension are also known; they too were identified in the framework of the Corfu Process. Number of important contributions have been made by the participating States through their FFTs. Bolstering the role of OSCE executive structures, through their updating where necessary; establishing effective monitoring capabilities of commitments as well as creating new commitments and instruments as necessary can significantly contribute to our core objective, which is to strengthen the Human Dimension. To this end, indicative list of proposals of the Interim Report provides us with a rich menu. There is no doubt that out of this menu we can choose limited and very reasonable number of priorities for our future actions if sufficient political will persists.

Mr. Chairman, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We need to concentrate on how best we can contribute to the preparatory work for the Summit based on most valuable proposals that we have already identified. If this goal becomes our leading principle, we will accomplish the objectives of three parts of the Review Conference and subsequently will contribute to the successful end result of the Astana Summit. It would mean that next year, when we gather again in this wonderful country at the HDIM, we would be able to talk about success stories with regard to implementation of commitments and further streamline our efforts to this end.

With this hope, let me wish you again a fruitful and successful Review Conference.

Thank You.