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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Energy security is a complex issue that needs multifaceted approach. It is a fact that comprehensive energy security is playing an important role in maintaining regional and intra-regional security and stability. It is not coincidence that importance of this theme put it on the agenda of many international organizations including OSCE. As a major producer and exporter of hydrocarbon resources Azerbaijan welcomes international dialogue on strengthening energy security.

In this regard we highly value the recent Vilnius meeting of energy experts. It was discussed during the Korfu process; it was mentioned in relevant food for thought papers. But still there are some undefined moments regarding the OSCE's role in energy security that causes concern.

- OSCE's institutional capacity and its expertise are not sufficient for covering various aspects of energy security. In other words resources are limited;
- In our opinion OSCE could be more efficient dealing with matters of physical security and safety of energy infrastructure, energy transmission networks;
- Close consultations with host governments in order to identify local needs and priorities should be a task of primary importance. Here we are talking about mandate-specific and membership's demand driven actions;
- The whole phase of exploring those opportunities or options within OSCE and its further implementation process should be demand-driven and non-overlapping with the portfolios of other international institutions or organizations;

- The substantive coverage of energy security issues by OSCE should be mainly addressed through an exchange of opinions about such exercise with Energy Charter Treaty Organization, UNECE (Sustainable Energy Committee), International Energy Agency and few other;
- The contents of the relevant OSCE Ministerial Decisions should be a guiding light to the end of clarifying the ultimate objective of OSCE in tackling energy security and energy infrastructure safety aspects;
- The ongoing exercise should be perceived as a living and continuous exercise with open-ended mix of formal and informal consultations and open demand-driven and result-oriented discussions to the end of determining the specific niche of OSCE in this field;
- Legal and commercial aspects of energy security should be duly limited to only discussions which could help address the general matter in a multi-faceted approach.

Thank you.