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STATEMENT

By the Greek Delegation to the OSCE

Mr. Chairman

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the outgoing Member of the OSCE Troika and as authors of the MC Decision 6/09 we would like to make the following Statement.

Greece fully aligns itself with the EU Statement on Energy Security and would like to add the following remarks, in its national capacity, for further consideration.

The OSCE participating States by unanimously adopting the Athens Ministerial Decision 06/09 on "Strengthening Dialogue and Co-operation on Energy Security in the OSCE Area" expressed their desire to set a benchmark on the road towards enhancing our dialogue and cooperation in the energy field, building upon previous efforts in this regard.

Recognizing the significant comparative advantages of the OSCE as a platform for broad political dialogue, which, in the case of energy security, can engage all producing, transit and consuming countries, as well as the private sector and Academia, MC Decision 06/09 highlighted the importance to join efforts and strengthen capacities in order to address energy security challenges, pertinent to our OSCE concept of comprehensive security.

In this spirit, we recall that our Corfu Process dialogue has provided clear evidence of the importance of Energy Security as an integral part of the broader Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian Security dialogue, which aims at reconfirming our commitments and rebuilding trust and confidence. There is no doubt that all stakeholders in the energy field should and can clearly benefit from such a cooperative and constructive environment.

However, we made only the first steps towards this direction. We are convinced that the continuation and enhancement of our dialogue and cooperation in the energy field will contribute to addressing specific security challenges and promoting awareness of common principles and objectives, including at regional and sub-regional level. We are looking forward to continuing this discussion at the Permanent Council, on the basis of the presented SG Report.

Nevertheless, we should bear in mind that our dialogue should not only aim at enriching our understanding of the Energy Security challenges lying ahead for all of us, but also to be even more consolidated and result-oriented, focusing on concrete, thematic issues of possible OSCE contribution in the energy field, in order to achieve the goals set up by the Athens Ministerial Decision.

In this respect, we would like to propose for further consideration the possibility of upgrading the capacity and operational capabilities of the OCEEA, by establishing, *inter alia*, an Advisory Task Force of Experts, in order to enhance cooperation and consolidate efforts in the energy security field.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.