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Mr Chairman,

Poland spoke for the EU and, of course, also for Sweden, in support of the OSCE Field Operations as such. These are very valuable instruments for us all, developed over time, tes-ted and tried. It is true that some aspects of our Missions have worked better than others, but the field operations remain a very flexible and effective tool, which can be adapted to the specific needs and requiremenst of each host country.

FOs work for the common good in line with their respective mandates – which are reviewed and approved by us all.

The Deputy Director of the CPC today made a very eloquent and comprehensive introduction to our discussion, listing both constraints and challenges – and this clearly based on the considerable experience of the CPC. We were impressed by his constructive analysis of how this important tool can, and should, be developed also for the future.

Sweden repeats its full support for the work carried out by the OSCE Field Operations, which to us are the backbone of our Organisation. They should remain key instruments of great value in assisting participating States in implementing commitments and contribute to our monitoring thereof, thereby strengthening security across the OSCE area.

Thank you.