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COMMEMORATIVE DECLARATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OSCE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, we, the ministers for foreign affairs of the participating States of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, wish to emphasize the Code of Conduct's value as a unique, norm-setting document.

We reaffirm the undiminished validity of the guiding principles and common values enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Helsinki Document 1992 – embodying the responsibilities of the participating States towards one another and of their governments towards their people – and, similarly, the validity of other OSCE commitments.

We remain committed to the full, faithful and effective implementation of the Code of Conduct.

In this context, we will continue promoting the Code of Conduct, *inter alia*, by discussing and exchanging information on it in the Forum for Security Co-operation, organizing annual meetings on its implementation and regional seminars, and undertaking awareness-raising efforts.

We reconfirm that the knowledge, skills and experience of both women and men are essential to efforts aimed at furthering peace, security and stability in the OSCE region, including the implementation of the Code of Conduct, and we are committed to ensuring and promoting their equal opportunities and full and meaningful participation in that process.

We welcome the continuation of outreach efforts on the Code of Conduct for the benefit of the OSCE Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation.