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**Statement by the Delegation of Canada to the OSCE
In Response to the Foreign Minister of Montenegro, Minister
Vlahović
620th Meeting of the Permanent Council
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Mr. Chairman, Canada joins others in extending a warm welcome to Foreign Minister Vlahović to the Permanent Council.

We wish to thank him for his address here today.

Montenegro came into being as a result of a unique process that succeeded in emulating both the letter and spirit of the OSCE's democratic commitments.

Canada wishes to congratulate Minister Vlahović on these auspicious first steps for Montenegro as an independent state.

We look forward to working together in ensuring that OSCE commitments and principles continue to flourish in Montenegro.

In support of this, we appreciate the cooperative relationship that the Montenegrin Government has embarked upon with the OSCE in agreeing quickly to a mandate and memorandum of understanding for an OSCE Mission in Podgorica.

These will ensure that an OSCE presence will have an effective and meaningful basis to work with his Government and, indeed, with all of Montenegro

As a result, Canada is confident that Montenegro will contribute positively to the international family of nations and to the stability of the Western Balkans region.

Thank you Mr. Chairman