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**Statement  
on behalf of the members of the Organization for Democracy and Economic  
Development - GUAM**

As for delivery by Ambassador Volodymyr Yel'chenko  
to the Permanent Council, 12 September 2006

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the members of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM.

GUAM countries welcome Secretary General of the International Energy Forum Ambassador Arne Walther at the meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council.

The International Energy Forum is a well-recognized institution holding a unique position in the global energy dialogue. Although not members of the Forum, our countries follow IEF activities with particular interest, as energy security concerns become more and more topical.

It is clear that coping with energy security challenges require concerted efforts of the international community and every effort will have its own value. A number of relevant international fora were established as a part of this process. Currently, their diversity and ongoing evolution raise the issue of enlargement of the scope of their activities, as well as of a closer and coordinated inter-institutional cooperation.

Given this, on numerous occasions GUAM countries have supported the involvement of the OSCE into global energy dialogue. Herewith, we once again reiterate our belief that as a political forum, the OSCE is able not to duplicate, but complement the work being done by other competent international institutions and add value to it, in particular through organizing OSCE Conference on energy security.

It is our strong conviction that the OSCE and the IEF can very well tune their policies and effectively complement each other's efforts. In this regard, we note with appreciation that the IEF emphasis on interconnection between energy security and sustainable economic development is of particular relevance to the approach adopted by the OSCE Economic & Environmental Coordinator in his work.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Walther,

Secured energy supply has become the pillar for economic and social security. Diversification of energy trading partners and international cooperation in this direction are important aspects of mitigation of emerging energy security risks. Hence, ensuring energy security is a challenge for the whole OSCE community.

Taking this into account, we have to formulate a sound energy security strategy, which would derive from the balance of interests among producing, transit and consuming countries and would identify alternative ways of transporting energy resources from Central Asia and the Caspian Sea via Black Sea region to the European consumers.

Existing conflicts in the OSCE area are the main obstacle for the economic development and energy security. Therefore, timely and efficient measures have to be taken for the settlement of such conflicts. At the same time, we believe that construction and proper functioning of transportation and energy supply routes will benefit all parties and will contribute to the resolution of the conflicts.

In this regard, we think that synergy in the efforts of the OSCE to contribute to the development of the transportation and energy corridors, on the one hand, and to resolve conflicts, on the other, will undoubtedly bring us closer to a desirable result.

Mr. Chairman,

Sustainable energy future is in the best interests of every state. Therefore, we call on the OSCE and the IEF to develop strong cooperation on the issues concerned. Let me also underscore that to this end GUAM countries are ready to provide both Organizations with all relevant support.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.