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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT

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Mister Chairperson,

The Permanent Council has just adopted the decision to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Zagreb until 31 December 2011 which is also supported by Croatia.

In this context it is worth recalling that nearly identical decision was adopted in December 2009 which tasked then the OSCE Office in Zagreb to submit a Status Report which was considered in November this year. While the PC took note of the Status Report it is to be borne in mind that Report states that in both areas which are covered by the mandate the processes and the policy carried out by the Croatian Government are considered self sustainable and irreversible. The Head of Office then concluded also that according to his views and assessment the mandate of the OSCE Office in Zagreb can be declared completed any time in 2011.

Mister Chairperson, distinguished colleagues,

In his address to the Astana Summit the President of the Republic of Croatia dr Ivo Josipović has stated the following:

“My country has benefited greatly from the presence of the OSCE field missions and I wish to express our appreciation for its contribution and for valuable work of many of its staff members in carrying out the mandate. It is beyond any doubt that its performance is an important factor in enabling Croatia to implement its international commitments. We believe also that its successful performance completing the mandate of the Office in Zagreb will soon in 2011 be declared as an success of our Organisation as well.”

As we approach the start of 2011, which will be by all means an historic year for the Republic of Croatia, may I express the expectation that before the end of that year the Permanent Council and all member States will respond positively to the challenge of declaring as a success the work of the Office in Zagreb and will thus express appreciation for the work of its dedicated staff.