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IN REGARD TO THE ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, H.E. MR. PETROS EFTHYMIU***

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Mr. Chairman,

While Croatia aligns itself with the statement of the European Union, allow me to make a few observations as the representative of the host country of the important fall session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE which was held in October in Dubrovnik.

I would like to warmly thank Mr. Efthymiou for the nice words that he expressed in Dubrovnik to the organizers of the event – the Croatian Parliament and the town municipality. Indeed, all participants enjoyed the setting and we were gratified to hear the compliments and remarks that they have fully enjoyed the beauty and hospitality of Dubrovnik.

Croatian authorities have shown their commitment to the OSCE as an Organization and its values through the attendance of the highest officials – President Josipović, President of the Parliament Bebić and Prime Minister Kosor. Their statements at the opening of the fall session contributed to the setting of the tone of the discussions which were concentrated on the “challenges, circumstances and the perspective of South East Europe”.

Indeed, the discussions were very useful, including the panel with the participation of all heads of OSCE field missions in the region. The Parliamentary Assembly which met this year in Belgrade and Dubrovnik has thus made a significant contribution to the processes taking place in South East Europe and the aspirations of the countries to build their future in Europe. In that context Dubrovnik, a historic town and a pearl of the Mediterranean and Adriatic Sea, was a very generous host.

Thank you.