The United States sees inextricable links between the threat of increased domestic and sexual violence caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, and the virus’ potential negative impact on human rights in general in the OSCE area.

Allow me to reaffirm our support for the Ambassador of Canada’s oral statement regarding gender-based violence, although we cannot support every aspect of her written statement. Regarding human rights concerns spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic as governments take actions to limit its spread, we call for said measures to be limited in duration and scope, as I explained in detail in the related statement I made earlier.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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