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Statement on behalf of the informal Group of friends of Environment made by the Permanent Representative of France, Ambassador Christine FAGES

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Excellences,

Ambassadors,

Dear colleagues,

I am glad to inform you that a group of 14 OSCE Participating States have come together to launch an informal OSCE Group of Friends of Environment. The following Participating States are members of this Group: Albania, Germany, Austria, Canada, the United States, France, Georgia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom, Slovakia, and Switzerland.

Recognizing the close connection between the environment and security, the Group of Friends of Environment aims to strengthen co-operation on environmental issues as part of a broader effort to prevent conflicts, build mutual confidence and promote good neighbourly relations.

We would be happy to share more information on this Group with participating States who approach us.

Thank you