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UNSC 1540

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Mr. Chairman,
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to thank the OSCE for the invitation and for the support offered to participate on this Workshop.

I would like to underline our appreciation for the excellent preparatory work of the Secretariat. The significant participation of the main figures, representative of almost all global, regional and sub-regional organizations provides the grounds to expect comprehensive overview of all themes that are on the agenda for the 4 Working sessions.

I will start with brief introduction about the structure of the presentation that we have. At the beginning, I will say few words about our views in general. Then, if you allow me Mr. Chairman I will pass the floor to my colleague from the MoD colonel Rizeski who will elaborate upon the scope of our National undertakings.

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

2010 might be considered as a pivotal in setting global stage in order to accelerate the processes in protection from WMD.

As an illustration, I will refer to some of the important events that preceded this Workshop: the Washington Summit, the NPT Review Conference, the entry into force of the New Start 2 Agreement are but a few of the series of events last year.

In that context, the Workshop on proper role of the OSCE in implementation of the UNSC 1540 is of excellent timing.

Mr. Chairman,

We agree with all previous speakers that have recognized the role of the OSCE in **enhancing coordination** of efforts on national, sub regional, regional and international levels in order to strengthen a global response to this serious challenge and threat to international security caused by WMDs.

In our view, **prevention** is the key operative word in determining the proper role of the OSCE when speaking about the non-proliferation of WMDs

In addition to the measures under the National list of suggestion as Annex to the Agenda we would like to put forward the following activities:

In general, concerning the aforementioned, we do believe that **more analyses are necessary about the requests and related assistance programs** to develop effective matching strategies.

In order to fulfill proper prevention role, the OSCE can play leading role in assisting **establishment of national networks** (when requested) and to undertake **coordination** among the existing national bodies in OSCE region.

The OSCE and its institutions should take a more **proactive role** in the international forefront in the fight against these types of weapons.

It is necessary **to establish effective funding mechanisms and eventually considering the establishment of a voluntary fund** (by using existing programs and joint actions like the ones of the EU) that will afford bold implementation of the provisions of International conventions against WMDs. The issue of financing the member states at this critical stage of the economic and financial crises is instrumental to increase efficiency.

In raising public awareness, we do believe that OSCE **should foster dissemination of the best practices and to develop appropriate modus operendi** in respect of implementation of obligations under International Conventions against WMDs.

The Organization should facilitate the assistance to participating states when requested and should maintain **continuity** in collecting the data on the best practices on any aspect of the themes that we are addressing today.

In concluding, I would like to stress and we share the opinion that the *Comprehensive review of the status of implementation the UNSC 1540*, can serve as a good basis to the OSCE in **generating new tools to address the most commonly found “gaps”** in the implementation of the legally binding norms. Here, we also should include relevant OSCE documents regarding the fight against WMDs like Principles governing non-proliferation and the Best practice guide on UNSC 1540.

And now, with your permission Mr. Chairman I would like to pass the floor to my colleague from the MoD colonel Rizeski.

Thank you.