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Opening remarks at the High-level conference on  
“Good Governance and the Fight against Corruption in the Digital Era:  
Strengthening the Principles of Transparency, Integrity and Accountability”

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Distinguished OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Prime minister of Albania  
Your Excellency Edi Rama,

Distinguished Secretary General,

We would like to express our gratitude to the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship for organizing this High-level conference on “Good Governance and the Fight against Corruption in the Digital Era: Strengthening the Principles of Transparency, Integrity and Accountability”. We thank the distinguished members of the high-level panel for their valuable statements.

The issues of preventing and combating corruption are more important now than ever. Of particular relevance is the need for the rational use of budgetary funds, ensuring transparency and accountability of the state authorities in difficult conditions of economic recession and overcoming the coronavirus pandemic.

We support the OSCE’s efforts to promote advanced anti-corruption standards and tools based on existing commitments in this area, including relevant decisions of the Ministerial Council in Sofia of 2004 and in Basel of 2014, as well as the Dublin Declaration on Good Governance of 2012.

We praise the thoroughly and consistent approach of the OSCE Chairmanship to the consideration of anti-corruption issues within our Organization. The theme of the Conference is cross-dimensional and it well complements the discussions on anti-corruption issues that took place during two preparatory meetings of the 28<sup>th</sup> Economic and Environmental Forum in February and June this year.

Representatives of a number of Russian agencies took an active part in the above-mentioned events, shared their experience and best practices in combating corruption, and made specific proposals, in particular on strengthening the international anti-corruption cooperation.

Let me conclude by expressing our readiness to further assist the Albanian Chairmanship in thoroughly elaborating this topic with the view of adopting possible deliverables at the upcoming OSCE Ministerial Council in Tirana on 3-4 December.

Thank you for your attention.