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### **EU statement in response to the OSCE coordinator of the Economic and Environmental activities, Mr Goran Svilanović**

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The European Union warmly welcomes the Coordinator of the Economic and Environmental Activities Mr. Svilanović and thanks him for his report.

We welcome the 2010 Action Plan's intention to further streamline the Office's activities. We also appreciate the Office of the OSCE Coordinator for Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) understanding that due to the wide spectrum of tasks given to the Office an increased prioritization but also phasing out of activities are required. This is in line with the EU longstanding call for a stronger substantial link of all Economic and Environmental Dimension activities to the Organization's vocation of security.

The EU considers the Economic and Environmental Dimension integral to the OSCE concept of comprehensive security.

The EU believes that this Organization and the ongoing Corfu Process should carefully look at the possible challenges, threats or implications for our security and stability of a number of ongoing or emerging phenomena such as climate change, environmental degradation, access to scarce resources and energy security. The reinforcement of the confidence-building potential of this dimension, inter alia in conflict areas or regarding management of scarce resources, should be one of the priorities of the Corfu Process.

The role of the Secretariat is in this sense crucial. The Coordinator and his office should work even more closely both with the field operations and with other OSCE structures, including the CPC, in order to coordinate further their respective activities, to continue developing confidence-building mechanisms through economic cooperation, good governance, anti-corruption and rule of law in the economic and environmental spheres, to provide supporting documents and reports to the participating States, on areas of activity directly linked to security.

The EU stands ready to contribute constructively to the full implementation of the Ministerial Council Decisions adopted in Athens last December on “Strengthening dialogue and cooperation on energy security in the OSCE area” on “Future orientation of the Economic and Environmental Dimension” and on “Migration Management”. We also look forward to the contribution of the Office of the Coordinator.

In particular, regarding the implementation of the Ministerial Council Decision 06/09 on Energy Security the EU expects that the Office of the Coordinator will play a substantial role in both the special expert

meeting and in the preparation of the Secretary General's report on the same topic, including comprehensive consultations with all relevant international actors and participating States.

Finally, the EU reiterates its support for the OSCE's role in tackling the security implications of climate change and calls for a strategic Decision to develop this role.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Svilanović and his team for their dedicated work and wish them the best of success in their future activities.

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\*Croacia y la Antigua República Yugoslava de Macedonia siguen perteneciendo al proceso de Estabilización y Asociación.