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1999

Mr. Chairman,

The European Union considers that the Vienna Document 1999 remains one of the most important Confidence and Security Building Measures in the OSCE area aiming at transparency, openness and trust. Respect for its letter and spirit and the implementation of all its provisions are of paramount importance, especially in times of tension. Therefore the EU strongly regrets any refusal of verification activities.

The European Union calls on all Participating States to fully implement the provisions of the Vienna Document 1999 and all other OSCE principles and commitments and to address any issues arising in a constructive and co-operative manner.

Mr. Chairman,

The candidate countries Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, the European Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area Iceland and Norway, as well as Ukraine and Armenia align themselves with this statement.

Thank you Mr. Chairman