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TO THE OSCE, AT THE 908th MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**In response to the statements by the European Union,  
the United States of America, Switzerland, Georgia and Russia**

Mr. Chairperson,

We have listened carefully and take note of the statements we have heard from the delegation of Denmark on behalf of the European Union and from the delegations of the United States of America, Switzerland, Georgia and Russia.

Recalling the comment by the press secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus of 16 April 2012, we should like to underscore that “all processes in Belarus are carried out in strict conformity with Belarusian legislation”.

As Mr. Sergey Martynov, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus, stated on that same day, “we are interested in partnership ... and shall not accept a policy of diktat and sanctions”.

We trust that our Western partners are fully aware that the establishment of partnership relations is possible only on the basis of constructive dialogue based on equal rights and mutual respect.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.