



**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF SLOVENIA AT THE 933rd MEETING
OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

29 November 2012

**In response to the Representative on Freedom of the Media, Ms Dunja
Mijatović**

Mr. Chairperson,

Slovenia fully shares the views expressed by the European Union.

At this occasion however we would like to reiterate how much Slovenia supports the outstanding work of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media.

We also stress the need and importance of the follow-up of her recommendations contained in her substantive reports.

At the same time, we hope that the Ministerial Decision on Strengthening Media Freedom in the OSCE Region will be adopted at the Dublin Ministerial, since it highlights the importance of free, independent and pluralistic media and the vital role that governments have to play in creating safe environment for journalists.

As regards the report of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Slovenia would also like to inform that the value-added tax (VAT) on newspapers, magazines and other periodicals will not be increased in Slovenia.

We thank Representative Ms. Mijatović for her report and look forward to continue our support for her office.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.