Joint Statement to Supplement the Framework for Cooperation and Coordination

between

the United Nations Secretariat

and

the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

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The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE), assisted or represented as appropriate by the Secretary-General of the OSCE and Heads of Institutions of the OSCE, building on over two decades of mutually-beneficial cooperation since the signing of the Framework for Cooperation and Coordination on 26 May 1993, and desirous of continuing and further strengthening the cooperation and coordination between the United Nations Secretariat and the OSCE in all areas of mutual interest, in particular those relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, the promotion of respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law:

1. Reaffirmed their commitment to the maintenance of international peace and security based on the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and acknowledged the primary responsibility of the Security Council of the United Nations in this regard, under the Charter of the United Nations, and acknowledged the OSCE's continued commitment to its principles and commitments.

2. Recalled the OSCE participating States' understanding that the OSCE is a regional arrangement in the sense of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations and that the OSCE plays an important role in the maintenance of regional peace and security, at all stages of the cycles of conflict and peace.

3. Reaffirmed their commitment to continue dialogue and cooperation between the United Nations Secretariat and the OSCE as seen through the network of specific arrangements, including memoranda and letters of understanding, as well as other documents concluded over the years between the OSCE executive structures, including institutions, and different United Nations bodies, agencies, funds and programmes, alongside high-level participation in events and practical cooperation and engagement.

4. Recalled that the General Assembly, in its resolution 50/87 of 18 December 1995, took note of the renaming of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) to the OSCE at the Budapest Summit of Heads of State or Government in December 1994, and the evolution and expansion of the roles and mandates of the OSCE executive structures.

5. Stressed that rapid changes in regional and global security environments can only be addressed through joint, effective, comprehensive and cooperative solutions.

6. Resolved to enhance collaboration, with the aim of building on each other's comparative advantages and increasing the effectiveness of their respective efforts to achieve shared goals related to peace, security, development and human rights, in line with common frameworks, resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations, and other international frameworks intended to respond to global challenges, and with full respect for each other's respective mandates, strengths, organizational structures, institutional capacities and policies.

7. Committed to increasing information-exchange and knowledge sharing with a view to fostering improved coordination and synergies, through:

   a. Regular high-level engagements to take stock of ongoing cooperation and to maintain close contact to ensure coordination and complementarity;

   b. Strengthening existing inter-agency coordination mechanisms and policy forums on every level;

   c. Enhancing synergies and dialogue in the international, regional and country contexts;

   d. Conducting regular consultations and information-exchange as outlined in the 1993 Framework for Cooperation and Coordination.

8. Reaffirmed their commitment to finding cooperative and collaborative solutions to current and emerging regional and global challenges that are aligned to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and, in the case of the OSCE, the principles and commitments of the OSCE.