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Mr. Chairman,

We welcome distinguished Ambassador Stefan Bastl and thank her for the dedicated work. We will carefully consider her recommendations. At this stage we would like to add one more aspect to our today's discussion.

The distinguished colleagues, who took the floor, mentioned about participating States, which pay much more and those, who pay less. What they forgot to mention is a group of participating States, which make profit from the OSCE. We face the sad reality, when the OSCE is directly subsidizing state budgets of certain participating States. These states have accumulated huge debts to the Organization amounting to millions of Euros.

We share the assessment of our colleagues, that it is not enough to simply claim the important role of the OSCE in promoting peace and security in Europe. Such claims lack credibility, when the participating States fail to make any contribution to the Organization. At the end of the day, such a situation is not just to our taxpayers. This issue should be taken into account in our future discussions on the scales of contributions.

Madam Ambassador,

Having made Your work even more complicated however we would like to wish You all success in Your future endeavours.

Thank You.