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Mr. Chairperson,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset I wish to join the others in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the Government and the people of Switzerland for their gracious hospitality extended to us here in Basel, a city which exemplifies how the diversities blend and prosper together. Mongolia warmly congratulates the Swiss Chairmanship for its dedication and tireless efforts throughout this difficult year in its history.

Mongolia stands for peaceful solution of the situation in Ukraine through continued political dialogue. To that end it is imperative that all parties to the conflict must abide and implement the commitments undertaken in the Minsk Agreements.

Basel Ministerial Council Meeting should help de-escalate the ongoing crisis through further strengthening the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine. Mongolia fully supports this mission.

We should also consider the issue of credibility of our organisation, improving further its functioning in resolving crisis situations. This task makes the Helsinki +40 process even more relevant. We expect that this Ministerial Council Meeting will come up with concrete decision. Mongolia shares the view that due consideration should be given to the Chairmanship's initiative to establish a Panel of Eminent Persons to prepare a basis for an inclusive and constructive security dialogue on the future of European security.

Mr. Chairperson,

Mongolia consistently supports joint efforts of the international community against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and calls for resolute actions to resolve the issue comprehensively in compliance with the UN Charter and the UN Security Council resolutions 2170 and 2178.

Today the fight against terrorism faces additional security challenges related to the phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters. In this regard, Mongolia fully supports and welcomes draft Declaration on the OSCE's role in countering this threat.

Mr. Chairperson,

In conclusion, I would like to highlight that our discussions here in Basel focus on a pair of themes that are of utmost importance today. We are grateful to our Swiss Chairmanship for choosing them for this Ministerial Council Meeting.

I do hope that we will reach a consensus on concrete decisions, which would guide us in the days to come.

Thank you.