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Mr Co-ordinator, it is a pleasure to address this Conference - and Ambassador, particularly under your able guidance of this working group. I would like to take the opportunity to share some ideas we have developed in order to provide practical training courses on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security. I mention this because the Code is a key instrument, which contributes to conflict prevention and crisis management. The norms are set and therefore it is through the implementation of this document that we can successfully make a difference.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank the keynote speakers. I am inspired to take the floor on this issue after listening to Brigadier General Henricsson. Our delegation would like to congratulate him for giving us this very practical presentation and sharing his experiences from the field. He noted in his conclusions that education and training on the Code of Conduct is essential and of utmost importance. We share his thinking.

The Code is a major tool, which covers the basic principles and fundamental values we have agreed to be bound upon. These include the democratic control of armed and security forces, public access to defence information, training of international humanitarian law to our soldiers, the rights and duties of individual soldiers, and so on and so forth. We have also found the Code's utility and contribution to countering terrorism.

Finland has been developing a training seminar on the code of conduct. We have offered this training over the past three years in the Balkans for the officers and higher level commanders of the armed forces of the three ethnic groups. This has been conducted in close co-operation with the OSCE Mission. The training has been given over a period of three days for a group of around 40 participants. The training package includes class room lessons and practical team exercises. The Finnish training team consists of highly qualified trainers of the Finnish Defence Forces, who will share their experience related to the different

practical issues of implementing the Code. The team also includes a lawyer familiar with international humanitarian law.

The feed back has been very encouraging in the Balkans and we are currently modifying this practical training package to best suit the situation in the Caucasus as well as Central Asia. I am taking this opportunity to announce that Finland stands ready to offer our experiences on the implementation of the Code of Conduct and provide practical training on request.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the CPC for their efforts to conduct roundtable discussions on the Code of Conduct. We have read the reports and are glad to hear of the success in engaging parliamentarians and government officials in these Code of Conduct exercises.

Finally, Mr Co-ordinator we welcome the latest Draft Decision put forward by the FSC Chair to review the returns to the modified Question 1 dealing with the measures participating States have taken to counter terrorism. I believe this is a good example of how we can build upon our existing documents and adapt their implementation to fit the current circumstances without opening them for hours of debate. We would like to join those who have reminded us through out this Conference that the OSCE already has excellent documents and what we need is the courage to use them in innovative ways to adapt their implementation to today's circumstances.

I thank you, Mr Co-ordinator.