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Mr Chairman,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The OSCE – with the Greek Chairmanship leading the way – has managed an intensive year of work. It is already the second time this year that the Foreign Ministers of the OSCE Member States meet for an exchange of ideas on European Security and thereby set the political conditions for the work within our organization.

The Delegation of the Principality of Liechtenstein thanks Greece for their generous hospitality and congratulates the Chair in Office on the impressive leadership during this year. The Greek leadership succeeded in an outstanding way to take over the torch from last years Finnish Chairmanship and to revitalise the dialogue between the Member States.

The OSCE offers a broad spectrum of possibilities and experience in taking up ideas and proposals from Member States in leading a dialogue. President Medvedev and President Sarkozy introduced comprehensive proposals for the discussion on a future European Security.

The „Corfu Process“, launched by the Greek Chairmanship in June, is rightly referred to as a milestone.

It offered to Member States the opportunity to examine whether the principals and obligations, adopted since Helsinki 1975, can still serve as basis for the co-operation between the OSCE Member States.

The dialogue conducted within the “Corfu Process” offered the opportunity to look at the efficiency of the OSCE’s „Tool-Box“ and to examine future challenges to our common security.

A first evaluation of the „Corfu-Process“ is positive in the view of Liechtenstein. The OSCE as a political forum for European Security was used as such by the Member States. Throughout the „Corfu-Process“ we have gained a clearer view on the different visions and expectations on a modern European Security and we are ready to start a dialogue within the framework of the OSCE. The OSCE disposes of the necessary preconditions to serve as a clearinghouse for different initiatives on European Security.

The next important step now lies ahead of us: We have to further strengthen the – at least partially – regained trust by achieving concrete results. By this we mean:

- a clear and renewed commitment of all Member States to the OSCE principals and commitments as a basis for their relations between states.
- renewed effort to solve existing conflicts within the OSCE area.
- a revitalisation of the unique OSCE mechanisms in the field of Confidence-Building Measures, arms control and disarmament.
- inclusion of energy security in the OSCE agenda.
- a new and sustainable breakthrough in the implementation of the commitments in the field of human rights, fundamental freedom, democracy and the rule of law.
- and the strengthening of our mechanisms in the field of early warning, conflict prevention and in the implementation of our commitments. Liechtenstein is of the opinion that a further

development of the OSCE Acquis for the protection of national minorities would mark a progress in this sensitive area. High Commissioner Vollebaeck has already made some valuable recommendations in this respect.

Mr. Chairman,

We welcome the fact, that within a few weeks only, Kazakhstan will be the first Central Asian country assuming the chairmanship within our organization and thus underline the unique geographical extension and the cultural diversity within the OSCE. Kazakhstan will play an important role in the continuation of a structured dialogue on European Security.

We wish the incoming Chair Kazakhstan much success for the coming year.

Thank you Mr. Chairman!