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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BELARUS**

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the decision on strengthening the effectiveness of the OSCE, I should like to make the following statement on behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Belarus.

“The Republic of Belarus believes it is of fundamental importance to continue the reform of the OSCE with a view to strengthening it and adapting it to the current challenges. Particular attention should be paid to improving the work of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in the field of election monitoring, with regard to which we still have serious concerns.

We hope that the implementation of this decision will be duly reflected in the work of the Permanent Council of our Organization next year.

We request that this statement be included in the journal of the day as an annex.”

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.