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STATEMENT

on behalf of the GUUAM at the meeting of the Permanent Council, 3 March 2005
*(In response to the Statement of H.E. Mr. Solomon Passy,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria)*

Mr Chairman,

On behalf of the Delegations of GUUAM countries Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine I would like to join previous speakers in warmly welcoming H.E. Minister Passy to the today meeting of the Permanent Council. Taking this opportunity, our delegations would also like to reiterate the appreciation for the work done last year by the Bulgarian Chairmanship and personally by Minister Passy.

The wide range of problems touched upon by Mr. Minister is indeed of a major importance for the future activity of our organisation and deserve a special attention on behalf of the entire OSCE community. Most of the issues are going in line with the “*triple R*” strategy declared by the Slovenian Chairmanship as a priority for 2005.

We have noticed the attention Minister Passy has drawn to the reform of the organisation, the OSCE *acquis* in the human dimension, right balancing of the OSCE activity in all fields. Developing of the activities in the political-military and economic and environmental dimensions is also essential for the future shaping of our organisation.

At the same time we cannot but mention that certain problems of a paramount importance for our countries such as settlement of the existing conflicts, enhancing the conflict prevention capabilities of our organisation, as well as implementation of our own decisions should remain at the core of our activity. From our point of view, without tackling these issues in an appropriate way we risk to seriously compromise the credibility and the future of this organisation. GUUAM stands ready to consolidate the capacity of the OSCE in the crisis management and cooperate with all partners in view of achieving progress in this field.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, let me once again on behalf of the GUUAM thank H.E. Minister Solomon Passy for addressing the Permanent Council and wish him every success.

Thank you.