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STATEMENT

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The statements delivered by the delegations of US, EU and the UK were very much self-explanatory. I welcome this approach. I think they have quite a strong message that we should do whatever it takes to ensure stability and security of the region, because without stability and security it will be utterly difficult to find a peaceful solution.

I think that security and stability is paramount when it comes to creating a conducive environment for sitting together and negotiating a peaceful deal. Maximalist, “take it or leave it” tactics, blackmailing is not the way in which we should approach the solution to this conflict. We appreciate the efforts of the Co-Chairs, they are the only international presence on the ground. We regret that because of the pandemic the PRCiO is not in a position to carry out its monitoring activities on the ground, but we hope that as soon as the situation allows, we will have an opportunity to host in the region Ambassador Kasprzyk and his team who throughout the years have been instrumental in bringing diverging views and conflicting ideas closer. Even today, the CO-Chairs are trying to do their best to establish a fragile peace in the region.

We should bear in mind that it might be easy or comfortable pointing fingers at others, saying that everyone is wrong and only I know or should say how this conflict should be solved. But I think that conflict resolution requires first and foremost an honest approach and compromise. As I said, a maximalist, “all or nothing” approach is not helpful, and so far it has not yielded any results.

With these words, once again I would like to thank all colleagues who kept a balanced position, who did not try to put all conflicts in one basket, because it is dangerous and not useful at all. As we know, all conflicts are different - the background, its evolution, the mediation mechanisms, language used, etc. So, we have to look for a tailor-made approach and move forward with the understanding that constructive approach will be reciprocated by all sides.

Thank you very much.