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**Delegation of Canada to the OSCE  
Response to Address by H.E. Dr. Mladen Ivanić  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
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Mr. Chairman:

Canada is very pleased to welcome the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Dr. Mladen Ivanić, to today's Permanent Council. We thank him for his comprehensive report on developments in his country as well as the opportunity to hear firsthand his hopes for future political change. We also appreciate his thoughts on the role of the OSCE now, and in the future, in Euro-Atlantic security architecture.

We would like to congratulate the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina for recent progress made delivering indictees to The Hague to face trial before the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia (ICTY). This is the single most important hurdle facing Bosnia and Herzegovina in its further integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions. After a dearth of ICTY co-operation, authorities in the Republika Srpska working with Serbia and Montenegro have decided to work with ICTY, and a number of indictees have gone to The Hague in recent weeks.

We note the Money Laundering Agreement that has been just signed between Serbia and Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina which provides for procedures for better transfers of data information related to money laundering.

This sort of progress is what the international community is looking for, and it should be acknowledged and encouraged. However, more needs to be done. The task of full co-operation with ICTY will not be met until two of the major indictees, Mladic and Karadzic, are also in The Hague.

We urge to keep the momentum going. We also welcome increasing co-operation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro on indictee issues and encourage you and your Government to continue and increase that mutual assistance and co-operation.

True reconciliation and building of a multi-ethnic society in Bosnia and Herzegovina on the road to Europe cannot succeed until this obligation has been fulfilled.

We would also like to recognize and applaud the important role of the OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, along with other institutions, for their invaluable contribution to political and economic progress, evident in Ambassador Davidson's recent report.