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**JOINT INTERVENTION BY THE DELEGATIONS OF CANADA, ICELAND,  
LIECHTENSTEIN, NORWAY AND SWITZERLAND ON OSCE FIELD  
MISSIONS  
DELIVERED BY FREDERICKA GREGORY, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES  
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Mr. Chairperson,

I am taking the floor on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Canada on this discussion in the Permanent Council to outline our position with respect to OSCE field Missions.

We believe that OSCE Missions and their field activities are the front line of this Organization's work. They give this organization an active presence in Participating States that require assistance and are the vehicle through which OSCE decisions are translated into concrete action and assistance. The mandates, composition, size, duration and operation of OSCE Missions and their field activities are varied and based on the needs in the participating state in question.

We firmly believe that OSCE field Missions should be able to implement programmes and projects in **all** areas defined in their mandates, thus assisting the host governments to implement their OSCE commitments.

We do not accept any interpretation that would be a narrowing of these field Missions mandates.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.