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**Statement by the Head of the Hungarian OSCE Mission  
Ambassador Ms. Marianne Berecz  
at the Special Permanent Council No. 495  
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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has joined the EU statement nevertheless I would like to greet His Excellency Miomir Žužul at the Permanent Council in my national capacity as well.

Hungary as a neighbouring state pays special attention to the developments in Croatia. We welcome the unequivocal commitment expressed by the new government of Croatia to promoting good neighbourly relations, contributing to the stability of South Eastern Europe and keeping the country on the track of Euro-Atlantic integration.

My country supports and appreciates the first steps of the government aimed at demonstrating its willingness to carry on with the reform and democratisation processes and we encourage further concrete action. The government's readiness to co-operate unconditionally with ICTY, its policies helping the speedy return of refugees, its willingness to start the full implementation of the constitutional law on national minorities without delay and to reform the jurisdictional system in accordance with international (EU) norms will provide for a regional stabilising role and prove the country's Euro-Atlantic engagement.

We are truly convinced that the new government of Croatia will be able to meet all national as well as international expectations and challenges.

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