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Statement delivered by Ambassador Igor Davidovic Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OSCE In response to the address of H.E. Vygaudas Usackas Minister of foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania To the Permanent Council of the OSCE Vienna, 22 October 2009.

Madam Chair,

On behalf of Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina I would like to add our voice welcoming H.E. Vygaudas Usackas and his address to the Permanent Council of the OSCE.

Seen from the point of perpetual need of restoring mutual confidence and trust within area of common security, well balanced and comprehensive Lithuanian agenda recognizes values and efficacy of current security architecture and its tools, but marks demanding need of advancing and improvement of existing mechanisms as well. Thus, all our joint efforts performed during Corfu Process were once more reinforced and recognized as a genuine commitment to keep OSCE as a key and unique venue in universal security arena.

Minister's inspiring remarks regarding regional and sub-regional co-operation, related to the concept of security as comprehensive and cross-dimensional one, besides high appreciation deserves particular attention also.

Wide scope of regional possibilities in the area of South-East Europe we successfully turned into regional opportunities, and benefiting from Baltic States experience, after having established strategic economic exchange linking people and ideas, tangible co-operative security in the region as a contribution and part of European security was reached and has been maintained. It is, however, still not so easy to learn the reason why EU enlargement process as a part of European security is repeatedly considered as a "not in demand" issue? In return, Bosnia and Herzegovina enjoys undeserved and enormous in terms of endemic humiliation visa regime, delivered in hands of diligent and innovative consular corps in Sarajevo.

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In conclusion, let me once more express sincere gratitude to distinguished Minister Usackas for his profound analysis and address carrying crucial and constructive messages, promising and encouraging.

Thank you, Madam Chair

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