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First of all I would like to express my gratitude to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe for the kind invitation to take part in the 14-th Meeting of Ministerial Council.

The CSTO member states consider the OSCE as one of the elements of contemporary architecture of european security. They are in favor of full employment of OSCE's capacities in all fields of its activities.

Position of the CSTO member states on the questions of OSCE's activities in condensed form is reflected in the Address of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan to the 14-th Meeting of OSCE Ministerial Council. We hope that this document will receive positive response of the participants of this meeting.

We consider that political future of the OSCE, its capacity to play truly important role in current system of european, euroatlantic and euroasian security to the large extent will depend upon the results of the reforms and the quality of the decisions of this Ministerial Council.

We are in favour of transforming the OSCE into full pledged international organization, reforming its operative activity, improving its monitoring mechanisms and field operations on the basis of unified criteria of the effectiveness, better transparency and more effective use of budget and non-budget resources.

We consider the question of electing the Republic of Kazakhstan chairman of the OSCE in 2009 as an integral part of the OSCE reform, as a practical realization of the principles of equality of all its participants and of geographical

balance as well as an evidence that the “cold war” stereotypes of distrust and suspicion are left behind.

We are in favor of more effective international steps to counter terrorism, organized crime and trafficking in human beings. We positively evaluate the job done by Action against Terrorism Unit. We propose to consolidate international efforts to counter drug trafficking.

In our opinion OSCE’s Forum for Security Cooperation should play more important role as an instrument of dialogue in political and military fields.

It is important that we continue paying special attention to the threats arising from concentration in Europe of significant military forces and armaments.

We expect that decisions adopted at the 14-th OSCE Ministerial Meeting will give positive dynamics to this Organization, which will help to elevate its role as a unique forum of dialogue of equals and an instrument securing stability in Europe and in the whole world.

On its part the Collective Security Treaty Organization is ready for fruitful cooperation with the OSCE as well as with other international and regional organizations which deal with maintaining security.

We highly appreciate the hospitality of Belgium hosting this Meeting.

Thank You.