

**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY
AT THE CLOSING PLENARY OF THE
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

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- First of all, I also would like to thank the initiators and organizers of this event. This Conference has been an important step towards striking a balance among three dimensions of the OSCE.
- I believe it would be wrong or misleading to draw definitive conclusive results at this stage regarding the success of this meeting. On the other hand, we think that it would be fair to say that we have all witnessed the value added of this Conference, as well as some shortcomings, especially regarding the organizational modalities.
- In a national capacity, our impression is that it has been a useful exercise which needs to be further consolidated and improved.
- We have all witnessed some overlap amongst the various working groups. The very broad nature of the agenda also resulted in difficulties in focusing the discussion around common issues.
- We continue to believe, after this first experience, that parallel sessions make it difficult for delegations from capitals to follow the debate in a holistic and complementary fashion, particularly when taking into consideration the mutually reinforcing nature of subject matters.
- We are confident that the adoption of the OSCE Strategy on 21st Century Threats will constitute a concise framework upon which to base our discussions in next year's second Review Conference.
- On the other hand, we noted that several concrete suggestions and proposals were put forward. It is important to follow-up these and to translate the ones that have the potential to find consensus into concrete action.