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**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE
724th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**In response to the interpretative statement by Turkmenistan on the
agenda of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting**

I should like to reaffirm the commitment of the European Union to the free participation of non-governmental organizations in the conferences and seminars organized by the OSCE, in conformity with the Helsinki Document of 1992 and with subsequent practice.