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Ladies and Gentlemen,
Distinguished Participants,

On behalf of the **Secretariat of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe** (OSCE), it is a great pleasure for me to briefly take the floor under this agenda item.

At the OSCE, **transport security** has remained high on the agenda as part of the Organization's comprehensive approach to security. Under the Belgian and Kazakh OSCE Chairmanships in 2006 and 2010, respectively, the OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum meetings focussed among other issues on strengthening transport security and OSCE Ministerial Council Decisions adopted in 2006 and 2011 include explicit provisions on the subject.

Some of you might recall that the OSCE hosted a Round-Table in Vienna, in the framework of the **2012 Inland Transport Security Discussion Forum**. During that two-day event, experts (including from national authorities, academia and the private sector) presented academic-style papers on transport security issues in the road, rail and inland waterways sectors. They discussed weaknesses and threats in the area of transport security and ways to improve co-ordination and the effectiveness of national and international efforts in making inland transport more secure. The proceedings of that meeting, including the expert papers

and reviews, were further revised and improved in the course of 2012 and have now been officially published by our Office and the UNECE Transport Division.

We find the contributions impressive and worthy of further dissemination among decision-makers, experts, and a broader audience. Moreover, we are convinced that this publication could serve as an excellent basis for the development of new, innovative transport security policies both at the national and regional level.

Finally, I would like to use this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Governments of Belgium and Kazakhstan for providing the financial support that made the OSCE-UNECE Round Table and the subsequent revision process and publication possible.

We would also like to thank the Round Table participants for contributing their time and expertise to produce what readers will hopefully find to be an interesting, thoughtful and useful volume on inland transport security.