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Madam Chair,

Italy aligns with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to add some remarks in a national capacity.

Mixed migration flows across the OSCE region and beyond – due to conflicts, political and economic instability, demographic factors and natural disasters – pose new and complex challenges to our security, exacerbating the vulnerability of groups and individuals and making them more likely to become victims of exploitation.

Italy strongly values the contribution and assistance of the OSCE to participating States in addressing and overcoming the challenges of mixed migration flows. We commend the work of the Office of the Special Representative and Coordinator for combating trafficking in human beings (OCTHB) and thank her for the excellent cooperation.

Next week the Centre of Excellence for Stability Police Units of the Italian Carabinieri in Vicenza will host a regional training activity, organised by OCTHB with Italy's support, dedicated to anti-trafficking professionals from the Mediterranean region, including OSCE Partners for Cooperation Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt.

The simulation-based exercises are a flagship initiative of the OSCE – which promotes intra-regional and multi-agency cooperation in the fight against human trafficking. Such trainings are also provided, with Italy's support, across the OSCE region, including in Ukraine – where the OSCE Support Programme (SPU) has organised eight national simulations in the last two years. The support provided by the OSCE to Ukrainian authorities and other

participating States to address and mitigate the risk of trafficking for Ukrainian refugees, including through the information campaign *BeSafe*, is a tangible example of the important work of this Organisation – which Italy fully supports.

Thank you.