

Brief remarks by Amb. J. Enkhsaikhan at OSCE Baden retreat

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I would like to thank you Amb.Norkus, Chairperson of the Permanent Council of OSCE, for inviting me to participate in this meeting to exchange views and discuss the issues connected with possible deliverables for the Vilnius Ministerial Conference to be held at the end of this year.

Mongolia is honored to participate in the work of OSCE as one of its Asian Partners. And as such, last May it hosted OSCE-Mongolian Partner Conference in Ulaanbaatar. Since it is not the time nor the venue to discuss the outcome of the Conference, I shall brief on its outcome in one weeks time – on 1 July at OSCE-Asian partner meeting.

Mongolia is interested in working ever closer with the OSCE, as evidences by the content of the recent statement of Mr. G. Zandanshatar, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Mongolia at the special session of the Permanent Council, to which the Ambassador of Poland has made reference earlier this afternoon.

This retreat, the rich discussion paper prepared by the Chairmanship provides us with a better opportunity to get even closer acquainted with the workings of this organization, for which I am grateful.

Regarding the possible declaration on cooperation with the Partner countries, that could be adopted at the end of the year in Vilnius, I see merits to do so since some time has passed since the decision taken on the issue in Madrid. If there would be such a declaration, then the developments occurring in the Mediterranean countries in North Africa, some of the OSCE Partner states, need to be somewhat reflected in it. The discussion paper puts forward 6 ideas that could be reflected in the draft. There are Asian partners, including my country, that have been sharing their experience in such areas as combating human or drug trafficking, good or democratic governance, working with the civil society, etc. Therefore, if there is to be a declaration, a provision should be included in it regarding sharing of experiences by the Asian partners. If need be, I could work on the language of such a provision. There are some ideas regarding OSCE's cooperation with its partners that I want to share with you all. Due to lateness of the hour, I shall touch upon this issue on 1 July at the meeting with Asian partners, where I shall be informing about the outcome of Ulaanbaatar conference.