

Brief remarks by Amb. J. Enkhsaikhan at the  
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I would like to thank Amb. R. Eytia Paulausakas, Head of the Lithuanian OSCE Chairmanship Task Force, as well as representatives of Switzerland, France, Canada, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Austria, the Holy See, Norway, Greece, Azerbaijan and Belgium for having touched upon Mongolia’s application for a participant state status with the Organization.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for organizing an open briefing on this issue, held on 16 November. I hope that the information provided at that briefing was helpful for participating states to draw their conclusions and take a decision on the issue.

The informal consultations that Mongolia held for the past few months have shown a general positive response to our interest and request. There seems to be a general understanding that Mongolia’s policies are in line with OSCE’s values and principles, its commitments and responsibilities, and that it would be a contributor to OSCE objectives, that it could contribute to OSCE activities, for example, by sharing its experience in all three dimensions of the Organization’s activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to call on the participating states to address this issue on its own merits and based on Mongolia’s clearly expressed wish as reflected in the letter of Minister of Foreign Affairs. My delegation expresses the hope that the participating states would be able to take the needed political decision on this issue without linking it to other issues. My delegation stands ready, if needed, to provide additional information in connection with this issue.