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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

"THE 30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER"

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- 1. <u>Recalling</u> the United Nations General Assembly Resolution on Strengthening of International Co-operation and Co-ordination of Efforts to Study, Mitigate and Minimize the Consequences of the Chernobyl Disaster adopted on 17 December 2003, the OSCE Ministerial Declaration on the 20th Anniversary of the Disaster at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant adopted by the Ljubljana Ministerial Council in 2005, the OSCE Madrid Declaration on Environment and Security adopted by the Madrid Ministerial Council in 2007, the 2010 Astana Commemorative Declaration, the OSCE Ministerial Decision on Protection of Energy Networks from Natural and Man-Made Disasters adopted by the Kyiv Ministerial Council in 2013,
- 2. <u>Recalling</u> the Brussels Declaration adopted by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in 2006, which recognizes that the effects of the dramatic aftermath of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear plant continue to be felt throughout Europe, the Resolution on Chernobyl adopted by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Astana (2008), the Resolution on Nuclear Safety and Environmental Protection adopted by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Belgrade (2011),
- 3. <u>Expressing</u> deep gratitude and profound respect for the heroism of all people who were the first to withstand the Chernobyl disaster, including all emergency and recovery operation workers, who defended not only Ukraine and other affected countries, but all of humanity,
- 4. <u>Reaffirming</u> full solidarity with the people affected by the Chernobyl disaster and who continue to suffer from its consequences,
- 5. <u>Bearing in mind</u> the long-term nature of the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster,
- 6. <u>Praising</u> the assistance of donor countries and international organizations in implementing Chernobyl-related projects,
- 7. <u>Acknowledging</u> the crucial importance of continuing international efforts in overcoming the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and preventing the occurrence of such catastrophes in the future,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

8. <u>Commemorates</u> the 30th anniversary of the disaster at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, which was a major technological catastrophe in terms of its scope and complexity;

- 9. <u>Honors and pays tribute</u> to all the victims of the worst nuclear power plant accident in human history, and <u>expresses</u> deep condolences to the families of the victims;
- 10. <u>Notes</u> that 30 years after the Chernobyl disaster, its lessons are still being learned, and this year's anniversary reminds us about the enormous responsibility towards current and future generations to ensure that accidents like Chernobyl never happen again;
- 11. <u>Underlines</u> that despite efforts undertaken to minimize the negative consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, there are ongoing environmental challenges and their solution requires the use of advanced modern technologies;
- 12. <u>Stresses</u> the need to maintain Chernobyl recovery efforts at the national and international levels to mitigate the health, environmental, social, and economic consequences of the disaster, as well as to facilitate restoration and development of the affected areas;
- 13. <u>Considers</u> that goal-oriented co-operation of international institutions, national governments, and non-governmental organizations must be aimed at long-term solutions to the complex problems triggered by the Chernobyl disaster;
- 14. <u>Commends</u> the OSCE's work to contribute within its mandate to the international efforts aimed at alleviating and minimizing the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, in particular through an assessment of environmental risks in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, and strengthening capacities in the sphere of environmental control at the border;
- 15. <u>Emphasizes</u> the need for additional assistance by the international community to maintain and operate structures built within the closed "exclusion zone" and unconditional resettlement zone;
- 16. <u>Reaffirms</u> the critical importance of observing the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) nuclear safety standards and the requirements of the 1991 Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context;
- 17. <u>Welcomes</u> the Special Commemorative Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in observance of the 30th Anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe held on 26 April 2016 in New York, the International Forum "Chornobyl's Legacy for the Nuclear Safety of the World" (Kyiv, 21-23 April 2016), the meeting of the Nuclear Safety Account Assembly of Contributors and pledging event (Kyiv, 25 April 2016) as well as the high-level events at the Chornobyl site (26 April 2016);
- 18. <u>Encourages</u> the participating States to continue to use the OSCE as a platform for exchange of information and sharing of best practices on strengthening the security and safety of energy networks.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

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