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Chairman's Statement Posting Of OSCC Documents On The Osce Delegates' Website

With reference to Document OSCC.INF/3/02 regarding the posting of OSCC documents to the OSCE Delegates' Website, the Chairman, on behalf of the Open Skies Consultative Commission, would like to state the following:

The OSCC takes note of the positive experience the Organization and delegations have made with the OSCE Delegates' Website since November 2000. It considers the Website as a powerful tool which can assist delegations in the decision-making process.

The OSCC welcomes the new service offered by the Secretariat, namely to provide electronic access via a secure Website to unclassified and restricted documents distributed by the OSCE Documents Distribution Unit at the Hofburg.

Recalling the sensitivity of certain of its documents, the OSCC notes that the documents on the Website would only be accessible to delegations, which are eligible to receive them.

It takes further note that the current distribution policy (hard-copy distribution to pigeon-holes and e-mail transmission) will remain unchanged.

Based on the above assessment, the OSCC agrees to make available for posting on the secure and restricted Website all its documents registered and distributed by the Chairmanship, the Secretariat, as well as by Delegations except those which the document's originators do not wish to be posted on the website. This will include documents starting from 1 January 2002.

I request that this statement be attached to the Journal of the day.