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DECLARATION ON YOUTH

We, the members of the Ministerial Council of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, recall the OSCE commitments relating to youth and children, which are enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act and other relevant OSCE decisions, and take note of the efforts of other international organizations in this regard, in particular the United Nations.

We acknowledge that youth and children require particular attention and that their needs, concerns and interests should be addressed in a comprehensive manner.

We acknowledge the potential of young people to contribute to economic, political and social development, and that they can support participating States in the implementation of commitments in all three dimensions of the OSCE.

We take note of the Swiss Chairmanship's initiative related to youth in the OSCE.