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First of all I would like to say what a pleasure it is to be able to be in this committee and to discuss with you to find solutions at international level to our actual problems. I am (Roberto López Miquel) , Prime Minister of Luxembourg, and I represent my country in this committee. Luxembourg is a Parliamentary system with a constitutional monarchy. Under the Constitution of 1868, the executive power is vested in the Grand Duke and the Council of Government (cabinet), which consists of a Prime Minister, myself, and a few others. As a member of this commission, I will do everything in my power to reach agreements to establish a strategy of co-operation between the OSCE and the European Union to combat terrorism and cyber-warfare and to fulfil the objectives given to us in this commission.

Today, terrorism is one of the most serious problems we have to face, even if Luxembourg is not a direct victim of the perpetrators, it has a negative impact on its economy and international politics. Moreover, as the economic center of Europe, the cyber security of the country and of our agreements is of vital importance and we are currently financing the economic development of our countries and are willing to help you as long as the terms of our offers are respected.

Luxembourg is one of the most developed in the world with an HDI of 0.913 and Luxembourg is by far the richest country in the European Union in terms of GDP per capita of 120,000 dollars. Luxembourg is by far the richest country in the European Union in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita of \$120,000 and our army stands out for its efficiency and security despite its small size. And as a member of numerous civil protection organizations, such as NATO, we want to make arrangements that respect the security and privacy of our country - Europe's leading investment fund center, the Eurozone's largest private banking center and the domicile of choice for reinsurance companies. Luxembourg is today a diversified financial center offering sophisticated products and services to an international clientele. As one of the founding countries of the European Union in 1957, our aim is to fight for the peace of the continent and to do our utmost to pursue those who endanger it, be they terrorists or hackers.

We have on numerous occasions communicated to the OSCE that we fully support the respective policies developed by the UN, NATO and the EU in the fight against terrorism. In addition, the Grand Ducal Police, in its capacity as guarantor of security, has set up an investigation coordination unit. Its task is to investigate all suspicions of acts of terrorism and the financing of terrorism. It collects and integrates information from general crime, immigration police, anti-money laundering, and criminal and financial analysis. The Luxembourg army can therefore contribute with its means in order to strengthen the security arrangements of the Grand-Ducal Police. The army's commitment to the national territory depends on the level of threat and is made in accordance with the relevant legal provisions. However, as an independent and sovereign country, we must be the ones to authorize the OSCE and other organizations to assist us in our investigations in the event of imminent danger.

In addition, according to our reports to the OSCE in 2021, at the international level, the Luxembourg authorities cooperate with the authorities of other States within the framework of the INTERPOL and EUROPOL structures to facilitate the exchange of information to facilitate the exchange of information, the fight against cyber-attacks and to alert the authorities of other Member States as soon as possible. We are aware of the unfounded accusations levelled at our country that it allows the financing of terrorist groups but as we have already demonstrated on numerous occasions we are constantly fighting against money laundering and we are subject to the fiscal control of the European Union, so under no circumstances are we a tax haven and we should be considered as a country that does everything possible to control its economy and investors.

Therefore, we propose that our agreements already established through the OSCE be maintained, that no more accusations be directed towards our country that repeats all the economic laws imposed by the different organizations to which it belongs, such as the European Union, and that there be no intervention in our country's investigations against possible tax fraud and terrorism unless the political and military authorities allow it.

In conclusion, Through our already established agreements, we want to fight against terrorism and cyberattacks as long as the decisions of our country are respected. Furthermore, we do not tolerate accusations made by countries that have economic relations with us. Even so, we are willing to establish new agreements with other governments if they satisfy our interests and benefit the established anti-terrorist and security measures. I thank you for paying attention to my proposals.