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To the Heads of the OSCE PA Delegations

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Dear Colleagues,

Following the OSCE PA Annual Session, I am pleased to share with you once more the **Resolution on the Wagner Group's Terroristic Nature and Actions**, which was adopted with unanimous support by the OSCE PA in Vancouver.

Inter alia, the resolution recognizes the terroristic nature of the Russian private military company (PMC) Wagner Group and its strong ties with the government of the Russian Federation. Accordingly, it calls on participating States to 1) **consider designating the group a terrorist organization**, 2) **thwart its presence wherever it operates**, and 3) **hold its members accountable for all crimes committed**. As pointed out in the resolution, various national parliaments are already addressing the terroristic actions of the Wagner Group, including the legislatures of Ukraine, Lithuania, Estonia, France, Canada, Belgium and the United States. As result of the OSCE PA resolution and efforts of other international and national actors, the discussions in Austria of following those role models just started once again, and I very much hope that we will see the positive results soon.

The designation of Wagner Group as terrorist organization has major implications for its members as it brings legally serious consequences, including impeding Wagner's financial flow and material support and improving accountability for all crimes perpetrated.

That's why, I'm asking you as Vice-President, Chairperson of the OSCE PA Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism and main sponsor of the respective resolution, to **drive discussions in your national parliaments and translate the resolution on the Wagner Group's Terroristic Anture and Actions as soon as possible**.

For your reference, I attach the adopted OSCE PA resolution and also the motion for a resolution of the *Assemblée Nationale* as an example.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

With my best regards,

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