



PERMANENT MISSION
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TO THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA

**In response to H.E. Frank-Walter Steinmeier,
Foreign Minister of Germany**

**Statement by Ambassador Oľga Algayerová
Permanent Council
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Mr. Chairman,

Slovakia subscribes itself to the statement presented by the EU and also we welcome the presentation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany, H.E. Frank-Walter Steinmeier. Allow me in my national capacity to underline two aspects of our work here in Vienna.

Slovakia, together with Switzerland and Serbia has been in recent years devoting a lot of attention, efforts and energy with the aim to promote comprehensive, systematic and coordinated approaches to the SSG/R within the OSCE. While the OSCE is one of the largest and most comprehensive regional security organizations, we feel, that through its Secretariat, Institutions, Field missions and eventually IGOF on SSG/R that was established by Slovakia here in Vienna, we can achieve more coherent approach to the SSG/R issue.

Minister Steinmeier in his presentation also touched upon infrastructure. Slovakia during its Chairmanship of the EEC succeeded in finding consensus within the participating States on one of the aspects of energy security, i.e. protection of critical energy infrastructure and there are still continuing activities in this area within the OSCE.

Therefore let me reiterate Slovakia's full support to the goals of the German Presidency and express our readiness to actively assist in promotion of SSR/G coherence and awareness raising within the OSCE, and to continue in our efforts on energy security.

Thank you for your attention.