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**JOINT STATEMENT BY  
THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS,  
THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, THE  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN AT  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE  
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

Milan, 6 December 2018

**In support of the Treaty on the Elimination of Intermediate-Range and  
Shorter-Range Missiles**

We, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) gathered in Milan to attend the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council:

Express concern over the latest statements by representatives of the United States of America regarding its intention to suspend its obligations under the Treaty on the Elimination of Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles (INF Treaty) concluded in 1987 between the USSR and the United States;

Draw attention to the Declaration of the CSTO Collective Security Council, adopted in Astana on 8 November 2018, and the Joint Statement by the CSTO Member States on the situation surrounding the INF Treaty, adopted at the meeting of the CSTO Council of Foreign Ministers in Almaty on 11 June 2018;

Reaffirm the unchanged validity of the INF Treaty as an important factor for maintaining international security and stability and advocate its preservation and strict observance;

Emphasize that the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation, which are parties to the Treaty, remain fully committed to that agreement;

Reaffirm our commitment to the goals of strengthening global stability based on equal and indivisible security while strictly observing the norms of international law, including non-proliferation and arms control treaties;

Urge that all the necessary efforts be made to resolve the existing problems in the context of the INF Treaty on the basis of substantive, professional and constructive dialogue

between the parties concerned through consultations with a view to preserving the viability of that agreement.