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Statement by EU in reply to Austria and France

Madame Chairperson,

The EU and its Member States wish to thank Austria for the statement, delivered also on behalf of France, in which it drew attention to recent terrorist attacks in Austria and France and the illicit trafficking in SALW and CA.

We fully agree that tackling the problem of SALW trafficking is an urgent issue that requires a shared and coordinated approach of national authorities. We support the proposal to accelerate the work on the OSCE normative framework in relation to SALW and SCA and look forward to the Food for Thought Paper, as announced by Austria and France.

In this context, we call on all pS to show a good will and a constructive approach with a view to the draft MC Decision on SALW and SCA as tabled last week by the German FSC Chair. The EU considers that the adoption of this Decision would send a positive and welcome signal of the shared political will of all pS to work together on this matter.

Thank you, Madame Chairperson!