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**Statement by the Delegation of Azerbaijan
at 632nd Plenary Meeting of the
Forum for Security Cooperation**

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to join the previous speakers to congratulate Iceland on its assumption of the Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC). We also would like to extend a warm welcome to Italy as a new member of the FSC Troika, whom, I hope, we will benefit a lot in this new year.

FSC takes a prominent place among the OSCE bodies as its tasks are to deal with political-military dimension of the wide-ranging OSCE work. Therefore, we may agree with you that leading the FSC is a great responsibility and may become a challenge. We hope that the new Chairmanship will do its best in looking into real problems and taking into account real security situation, making reasonable proposals and finding solutions to challenges and threats of today.

Threats and challenges to sovereignty and territorial integrity of OSCE participating States arising out of non-compliance with the relevant OSCE commitments are a major source of concern and situations of insecurity, and regrettably, will hardly cease to exist in the years to come.

Let me emphasize a vital necessity of ensuring strict implementation of all documents adopted in the framework of the FSC within the entire OSCE area. It is obvious that CSBMs, in particular those arising out of the Vienna 99 Document cannot be taken out of the real context of their practical implementation. In this regard we take the view that the documents adopted in the OSCE/FSC framework should be critically reviewed as regards their applicability to the situations of conflict or crisis.

The OSCE should not take conciliatory approach to illegal military activities in the conflict zones, including illegal presence of heavy weaponry, and the FSC in cooperation with the Permanent Council should tackle these problems in a consistent way within its area of competence.

Our Delegation would like to suggest increasing the efficiency of the Security Dialogue by bringing into discussion topical issues related to current politico-military situation in the OSCE area, including conflicts.

My country makes every effort to live up to its commitments and always implements all the basic documents adopted by FSC in a fully transparent manner and in strict compliance with its obligations.

Non-compliance with their commitments by some OSCE participating States in the conflict zones continues to undermine overall security and stability in the OSCE area.

We hope that, our OSCE partners would engage in practical and creative work aimed at achieving solutions to the abovementioned problems.

Thank you very much.