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Mr. Chairman,

Following the statement by the Chairman of the FSC at the opening plenary session, I would like to illustrate the more recent evolution of the work of the CPC in the politico-military dimension, including as a result of efforts undertaken within the Organization to seek a better balance of activities throughout the three dimensions.

Therefore, the CPC through its FSC Support Unit has first and foremost continued to provide a broad support to the Forum in its activity on monitoring the implementation of the CSBMs, and other FSC documents. You are well aware the two last years have been characterised by an increasing activity of the FSC aimed at ensuring proper and effective responses to the new threats and challenges to security, and the CPC was called upon to provide additional support of a technical and analytical nature. I will give you several examples, which demonstrate both broadening the FSC activity and the range of the support provided by the CPC:

- review the first information exchange on the Document on SALW and follow-up preparation of the templates and model answers;
- overview the participating States responses to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct that finally served as a basis for the technical update of the Questionnaire;
- assistance in the preparation of the FSC expert advice on the implementation of Section V of the Document on SALW;
- co-ordinating role in the preparation of the Best Practice Guide on SALW;
- assistance in conducting the FSC Workshop on the security risks arising from stockpiles of ammunition, and the preparation of the survey suggestions made during the workshop;
- modernisation of the Communication Network;

- support for the preparation of this Conference, and direct contribution to it.

Secondly, we have witnessed an increasing involvement of the CPC in supporting practical activities of the participating States addressing specific security concerns, often well beyond the classical CSBMs field. Projects on border management and security in different regions and on de-mining in Central Asia have been recognised by the recipient participating States as very useful. These positive results in many cases were achieved thanks to the involvement of our field operations. In fact, there has been progress in developing the missions' activities in the first dimension, but further efforts will be needed to achieve a better balance in their activities. The CPC support in this regard will continue to play a key role.

A third area of increased attention is related to our increased co-operation and interaction with the UN and other regional organisations. Representatives of the CPC have been invited to take part in different events throughout the world to share the OSCE experience on the implementation of the CSBMs, the Document on SALW and others, based on the perceived success of OSCE's achievements in this field. This is a good demonstration of the recognition of the OSCE achievements by other countries in the world. A concrete example is the upcoming UN Biennial Meeting on SALW in New York, whose chair has clearly conveyed to the FSC her expectation that the OSCE will play a key role in the session devoted to sharing information on regional efforts. In addition, the progressive involvement of the CPC and of field missions in carrying out projects on the ground has created the need for more intensive exchanges of information with other international organizations and/or implementing agencies aimed at promoting co-operation and appropriate synergies.

At the conclusion of my brief presentation, I have to point out, as I have done at the last session of the AIAM, that our goals can only be achieved if we have adequate resources. The FSC SU is still structured to perform tasks relating to implementing basic FSC activities. In order for us to sustain the further development and the implementation of the OSCE politico-military and broader security agenda, as I have described it, we will require the upgrading of the unit as a section and limited additional resources. I hope that in the relevant budget discussions participating States will regard this as a priority for the future work of the Organization, just as we view it in the CPC.