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#### **EU Statement on the implementation of Article IV Agreement**

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The European Union and its Member States would like to thank the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for presenting the report on the implementation of the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control, Article IV of Annex 1B of the Dayton Peace Accords.

The Agreement is an outcome of consistent efforts and unwavering political will of the State Parties to re-build security in the aftermath of a terrible war and a tangible contribution to security and stability in Southeast Europe. Upholding and building politico-military transparency and trust were and are essential prerequisites for achieving long term peace and stability. We commend the State Parties for the spirit of cooperation, trust and confidence while implementing the Agreement. In this regard, we underline the continuous role played by the contact group (UK, Germany, Italy, US, France, Russia) in its support to the Parties in this process.

We continue to strongly believe that this important sub-regional arms control regime remains not only a cornerstone of the security in Southeast Europe but also a positive model to be emulated in other sub-regions in the Euro-Atlantic area.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, SERBIA\* and ALBANIA\*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, ANDORRA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

\* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.