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Statement

**In Response to the Report of Major General M.Torres, Personal Representative
of the OSCE CiO on the Implementation of the Agreement on Sub-Regional
Arms Control (Article IV, Dayton Peace Accord)
delivered by Ambassador Arman Kirakossian at the 1015th Meeting of the
OSCE Permanent Council
04 September, 2014**

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to thank Major General Torres for his comprehensive presentation.

We share the view of the speaker, that conventional arms control is an integral part of the OSCE's co-operative and comprehensive concept of security. We also agree that, Dayton Peace Accord, Article IV has served to foster trust, confidence and transparency.

We believe, that sub-regional arms control arrangements are geared to shape security, military stability and predictability. In particular, in the absence of political solutions, with efficient arms control mechanisms in place, it is possible to contain further militarization and pave the way for peaceful and negotiated solutions of the conflicts. Our Organization has status-neutral instruments in its toolbox, which could serve as basis to build such arrangements.

We would like to ask the distinguished speaker to share his assessment whether Article IV could serve as a role model of sub-regional arms control arrangements for other regions of the OSCE area.

Thank You.