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STATEMENT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AT THE 701. FSC PLENARY MEETING

Mister Chairperson

I would like to inform this distinguished Forum on the results of Fifth Review Conference on Compliance with OSCE/UN Security Commitments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was organized by the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina and took place on 14 and 15 November 2012 in Sarajevo.

The Conference gathered more than seventy (70) participants from various State Ministries, BIH Entity police institutions and agencies dealing with security issues.

Director of the Conflict Prevention Center, Ambassador Adam Kobieratcki with some officials took also part at the Conference.

Through extensive and fruitful discussions on the Code of Conduct in Politico-Military Aspects of Security, implementation of UN Security Resolution 1540, Safety Improvements on Storage Sites, harmonization of SALW legislation and other important issues related to Security, The Participants of the Conference provided an insight and analysis of the situation and gave recommendations and conclusions for quality improvements, as well as the guidelines for further action on the selected discussed topics.

I will just highlight the most important of them:

- It has been proposed that the BIH Council of Ministers should, as soon as possible, adopt the Decision on the establishment of the Co-ordination Team for Implementation of the OSCE/UN Security Commitments of BIH.
- The BIH MFA will additionally define the role and obligations of the BIH institutions, and timeframe for development of the reply to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and ensure the transparency of the process and



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involvement of all relevant stakeholders. The need for stronger promotion of the Code in the BIH institutions and in the public has been stressed.

- The OSCE Mission to BIH shall, during the first half of 2013, organize the training on this topic for the lecturers of the police education institutions in BIH.
- The Conference underlines the importance of compliance with the deadlines for development of the Information Exchanges submitted to the OSCE.
- It has been proposed to hold the workshop of the representatives of the Parliamentary Committees for defense and security in the region, during 2013, with the support of the OSCE Mission to BIH and OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre.
- The 1540 Expert Working Group will continue the work with assistance of the OSCE and UN experts for the purpose of final development of the National Action Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina for implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1540.
- The relevant Governments and Parliaments are recommended to further harmonize their legislation on weapons and ammunition with the EU Directives.

Finally I would like to express my gratitude to two officials from Conflict Prevention Center Mr. Fabian Grass and Mr. Vaclovas Semaskevicius whose contribution to the Conference was very significant.

Thank you