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**STATEMENT
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*In response to Major General Torres, Personal Representative of the
Chairperson-in-Office for Article IV of the Dayton Peace Accords*

Mr. Chairperson,

Our Delegation would like to join others in thanking Major General Torres for the successful activity carried out within this conventional arms control agreement.

Effective implementation of conventional arms control regime would strengthen peace and security in Western Balkans.

I wish to stress that peace is a prerequisite for the effectiveness of any arms control regimes and Dayton Peace Accord is an example of it.

I challenge those Delegations who claim that in the absence of political solutions to existing conflicts in the OSCE area, sub-regional arms control regimes could effectively function. It is important first to resolve ongoing conflicts and then try to build on that, through arms control regimes.

Article IV of the Dayton Peace Accord is a role model for other post-conflict rehabilitation efforts.

Thank you.