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STATEMENT

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at the 1104th meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation
Closing Session**

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, allow me to thank His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Albares, Minister for Foreign Affairs for his closing remarks.

We join the other delegations in congratulating Spain for the leadership of the Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC) for the past trimester. We commend you and your able team for steering our work during these challenging times and fostering meaningful discussions on pertinent political-military issues.

The topics chosen for Security Dialogues were highly relevant with regard to the security challenges and threats in the OSCE region.

We highlight the FSC-PC meeting on Women, Peace, and Security, which provided an opportunity to assess the implementation of our commitments under UNSC Resolution 1325 and its subsequent resolutions and to chart a path forward. We also focused on the existing challenges drawing attention to the grave suffering endured by women and girls in conflict settings—ranging from sexual violence and forced displacement to the long-lasting mental and psychological trauma that persists even after hot phase of hostilities end. We emphasized the importance of coherent and coordinated policies that promote women's involvement in the peace and security related matters, in particular in security sector governance and reform. In this vein we reiterate our firm stance that the international community must remain united in opposing efforts to silence, target, or criminalize women human rights defenders and their involvement in decision-making processes.

We also value the Security Dialogue on Responsible Military Use of New and Emerging Technologies. In light of growing global uncertainty and turmoil, and given the significant security implications of changes in the methods and means of warfare, discussions on the responsible military use of new and emerging technologies have become more critical than ever. We reiterate that the integration of AI capabilities in military operations requires robust accountability mechanisms, including for their utilization under a well-defined and responsible human chain of command and control. In this vein, Armenia advocates for further development of efficient legal review procedures, ethical standards and mechanisms for oversight and accountability. We believe that our collective efforts should focus on both reinforcing and building upon our existing commitments and on keeping pace with the rapid advancements in technology, particularly in weapons systems that incorporate artificial intelligence and autonomous capabilities. Armenia reiterates its readiness to actively contribute to this collective endeavor, guided by the principles of full respect for international humanitarian law and human rights law, and upholding the commitments laid out in the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

In closing, we would like to once again express our gratitude to the Spanish chairpersonship. We look forward to working with the incoming chairpersonship of Estonia. We also welcome Finland as a new Troika member and thank Denmark, the outgoing Troika member.

Thank you.