



**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
at the 806-th FSC Plenary Meeting**  
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**Mr. Chairman,**

The Delegation of Ukraine would like to thank the Norwegian Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Cooperation for having organized frank and open discussions in the course of preparation for the Ministerial Council in Belgrade allowing us to take stock of the CAC/CSBMs and SALW/SCA-related issues and draw lessons for the year 2016.

We highly appreciate the tireless efforts of the Chairmanship to which we have lent our full support in order to achieve mutually acceptable results. For our part, we pursued negotiations in a constructive spirit, reflecting at the same time the present realities and challenges, and on the basis of a principled position that we have consistently promoted at this Forum for the last two years and in particular during the Norwegian FSC Chairmanship.

Unfortunately, the joint efforts of the Chairmanship and the OSCE participating States have not been successful, as we would wish, since the Russian Federation ignores consistent calls of the international community to reverse its illegal occupation and annexation of Ukraine's Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, to stop fueling the conflict in Donbas and withdraw its servicemen, weaponry and fighters from there. Russia's unilateral and unprovoked military actions against Ukraine have undermined peace, security, and stability across the region. Russia's selective implementation of the Vienna Document and the Open Skies Treaty and long-standing non-implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty (CFE) have eroded the important confidence-building function of these arms control instruments.

In the field of SALW and SCA these relate to support for full implementation and strengthening of relevant OSCE commitments and activities to combat illicit trafficking and destabilizing accumulation of SALW and SCA. Russia again failed to recognize and to stop its illegal arms transfers to illegal armed formations in the east of my country.

We regret that our strong interest and joint efforts to adopt two important documents in the politico-military dimension have not yielded successful results this year.

We stress the need to continue discussing ways to review, update and put in practice the OSCE commitments in both CAC/CSBMs and SALW/SCA in the light of Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine, which would lead to a more secure environment and military predictability for all participating States.

**Thank you, Mr. Chairman**