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**EU Statement on the Implementation of the Agreement on
Sub-Regional Arms Control, Article IV, Annex 1-B, Dayton
Peace Accords**

1. The European Union and its Member States would like to thank Ambassador Filipović, Brigadier General Braunstein and Mr. Ivanišević for their presentations on the implementation of the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control, Article IV of Annex 1-B of the Dayton Peace Accords.
2. The continued, effective functioning of the Agreement is testament to the excellent cooperation, unstinting efforts and unwavering political will of the State Parties to ensure security and stability in Southeast Europe. Upholding and building politico-military transparency and trust were and remain essential elements to the enduring stability and peace enjoyed by the Parties and wider sub-region. We congratulate the State Parties for their spirit of cooperation, mutual trust and confidence while implementing and evolving the Agreement over its 21 year period of operation. In this regard, we commend the role played by the contact group (UK, Germany, Italy, US, France, Russia) in their continuous support to the Parties in this process.
3. We continue to strongly believe that this important sub-regional arms control regime remains not only a cornerstone of security and stability in Southeast Europe, but also a positive model that could be emulated in other sub-regions in the Euro-Atlantic area.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as ANDORRA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.