



**Statement by
Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
to the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation
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Mr. Chairperson,

The matter on the export of Arms from Bosnia and Herzegovina which was brought to our attention is taken seriously by our Authorities and all concerns mentioned will be conveyed to our Capital. In the meantime, we were instructed to inform the FSC about the timely and appropriate measures taken by the Authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina in this matter.

In accordance with all provisions stated by the Law on Control of Export of Goods and Services of Strategic Importance to the Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the permission for export of weapons and military equipment is issued by the Ministry of Trade and Economic Affairs, with the prior approval of the Ministry of Security, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Civil Affairs, the State Regulatory Agency for Radiological and Nuclear Security and finally the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The permission and approval procedures adopted by the relevant Authorities are very rigorous and are issued on a case-by-case basis. All information on the import and export of weapons and military equipment are communicated through the relevant channels of UN and OSCE bodies.

In addition, we would like to remind Delegations that in the last four years Bosnia and Herzegovina has successfully destroyed 8000 tons of surplus arms and is actively enforcing the control of exports of such, in accordance to the highest standards and with its international obligations.



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Mr. Chairperson,

Bosnia and Herzegovina exported its armaments exclusively to government institutions of Armenia and Azerbaijan. Analyzing the situation at hand, while having in mind that a number of OSCE participating States have already exported considerable quantities of arms and military equipment to the region without facing condemnation from other countries within the FSC, we consider that those armaments will be under responsible state control from Authorities in each country.

It is important to underline, that Bosnia and Herzegovina has an equal approach and balanced relations towards countries in that region of the OSCE.

Thank you.