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### **Speaking points of the Finnish Delegation for the OSCE Annual Security Review Conference Session 3**

Mr Co-ordinator, I would like to take the floor to share some ideas we have developed in order to provide practical assistance and expertise. That is in improving the knowledge of two important OSCE-documents, the Code of Conduct and the Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

Over the past year there has been a need to develop practical projects, which can be conducted jointly with the OSCE participating States, the CPC and our field operations.

Finland has developed a training seminar on the Code of Conduct. We have offered this training over the past four years in the Balkans and in the Caucasus. The target group has been junior officers and higher level commanders of the armed forces as well as for civil servants in the administration. This has been conducted in close co-operation with the OSCE Missions in the areas. A normal training package has been given over a period of three days for a group of around 40 participants. The training package includes class room lessons and practical team exercises. The Finnish training team consists of highly qualified trainers of the Finnish Defence Forces, who will share their experience related to the different practical issues of implementing the Code. The team also includes a lawyer familiar with international humanitarian law.

Another important task now is to make the the Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and its Best Practice Guide known in practice outside Vienna. It is important that the result is not only an academic exercise between delegations but a real tool for the relevant officials. We would like to offer our continuous support for the efforts promoting awareness of these guides as has been the case in the seminars held in Central-Asia and the following seminar which will be held in Skopje. In particular we would like to thank the CPC for their work in co-ordinating this exercise and to encourage the CPC to continue making these guides a valuable tool in practice.

In this respect, we would like you to know that we stand ready to continue working on this. We stand ready to offer assistance and our experiences to those who requested it.

Thank you Mr Co-ordinator