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Thank you, Madam Moderator.

First of all, I would like to thank the keynote speakers for their interesting statements.

The session's topic is quite broad. Let me briefly point out just the following:

We agree that CSBMs and arms control regimes are important tools in enhancing the security in the OSCE area.

At the same time, the arms control and security and confidence building measures are just instruments, designed to achieve the purpose of equal and indivisible security of the OSCE participating States. Its basis to build on is international principles, enshrined in the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act.

Therefore, while considering the role of arms control regimes and CSBMs in building trust in the evolving security environment, it is important to look at in this very context of purpose and basis.

For the last decades, arms control and CSBMs proved its positive influence on the overall security environment, while they also failed to serve the purpose in certain insecurity situations like protracted conflict in the OSCE area. The reason behind this failure is that the basis has been completely damaged. In other words, the principles of territorial integrity of states, non use of force against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of states have been violated. As a result, treaties, commitments, decisions on arms control and CSBMs are seriously challenged and undermined by illegal acts of occupation and deployments. For instance, the CFE Treaty, which has been often referred to today. It is evident that the CFE regime is seriously shaken because one State Party continues to violate its fundamental principles since the very inception of this Treaty. This State Party is gravely violating the Treaty by undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity of

another State Party through the use of force and occupation of its territories. The said State Party is also demonstrating a blatant disrespect to the principle of transparency by hiding large numbers of TLEs belonging to it in the occupied territories of another State Party, and not reporting about them. It should be noted that those TLEs are well beyond the national ceilings set by the CFE Treaty for the State Party concerned.

The failure that we have just described referring to an example in certain sub-regional context should be taken into account in efforts to reinvigorate arms control regimes and CSBMs.

In this regard, let us reiterate that to achieve progress in the field of arms control and CSBMs, first and foremost, the very fundamental principles of international law, enshrined in the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, should be ensured. The practical implementation of these principles with regard to the specific situation should begin with withdrawal of armed forces from the occupied territories of states and full de-occupation.

I thank you, Madam Moderator.