



**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
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Agenda item 1

**Madam Chair,**

The Delegation of Ukraine joins other delegations in warmly welcoming today's speaker H.E. Angela Kane, High representative for Disarmament Affairs, UNODA and thanks her for valuable contribution to the FSC discussion on addressing risks stemming from the illicit transfers and destabilising accumulation of Conventional Arms in the OSCE region.

In connection with the complicated security situation in the OSCE area, in particular with regard to the crisis in and around Ukraine, we would like to bring to your attention the following.

As we meet today, Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity continue to be violated by the Russian Federation in defiance of international law and the fundamental OSCE principles and commitments.

As the illegal supply by the Russian Federation of conventional weapons to the illegal armed groups in eastern Ukraine continues and its tragic impact on the safety and the security of the civilian population persists, these issues do require a decisive and urgent response by the international community.

**Distinguished colleagues,**

During 2014-2015 the continuous flows of sophisticated weapons and ammunition from the Russian Federation to eastern part of Ukraine have had a significant destabilising effect with grave consequences to peace and security. The provisions of the Minsk Agreements signed in September 2014 and February 2015 stipulate withdrawal of Russian weapons and military equipment from the Ukrainian territory. Full and comprehensive implementation of all agreed Minsk documents by all signatories, including the Russian Federation, offers a way forward to a sustainable political resolution of the conflict in Donbas based on respect for Ukraine's unity, sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

The illegal international transfers of military goods and equipment from the Russian Federation across the uncontrolled sections of the Ukrainian-Russian border to the pro-Russian militant groups that are operating on the territory of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine clearly contradict the UN and OSCE commitments on conventional arms transfers. Such illegal transfers include not only small arms and light weapons but also heavy armaments, such as armoured trucks and vehicles, armoured personnel carriers and main battle tanks, artillery systems and multiple launcher rocket systems.

Although Russia continues to deny irrefutable facts of illegal transfers of its weapons and military equipment to Ukraine, such transfers, well documented, have already destabilized the regional security and continue to pose a direct threat to the European and global stability by contributing to destabilizing accumulations of arms.

**Madam Chair,**

Ukraine duly implements provisions of the commitments on conventional arms transfers and believes that all OSCE participating States should also observe them. However, Russian pieces of conventional arms with combat ammunition are illegally transferred into our territory without due observation of any export and custom control rules and procedures that entails their transfer to the hands of illegal non-state actors and causes destabilizing accumulation of arms in the areas, which are under control of terrorists.

Therefore, it remains imperative to seek that the Russian Federation starts to implement the Minsk agreements, halts aggression against my country and withdraws its troops, mercenaries and weaponry from the territory of Ukraine.

And finally, as our delegation has numerous undeniable evidences of the illegal international transfers of arms and military equipment to Ukraine by the Russian Federation, some of them will be presented with your permission, Madam Chair, under the second agenda item "General statements".

**Thank you, Madam Chair.**