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(Stockholm, 2-3 December 2021)

Side event on "Strengthening Good Governance of Security Sector: Launching the 2nd edition of the SSG/R Guidelines for OSCE Staff" (3 December 2021)

Dear colleagues,

We consider the applicability of reform of the security sector within the scope of post conflict and peacebuilding efforts, aimed at achieving sustainable peace, effective reduce of the crisis tensions with a goal of non-renewal of the conflict.

Since this topic initially originated in the UN by adopting the UN Security Council resolution 2151, this type of activity is more relevant to the United Nations and its peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions on the ground. We consider the abovementioned resolution as one and only legal international framework regarding security sector reform. This document clearly defines the scope and principles of providing assistance to the states in conflict or post-conflict environments, specifically on the African continent.

Therefore, at this stage we are convinced that it is too early to consider SSG/R as a holistic concept or as an effective and functional tool. It is necessary to collect and carefully analyze data and feedback from the relevant UN activities, in order to comprehend how applicable and workable such reforms could be in the OSCE's specific environments. Let me remind that our Organization does not have any commitments with regard to the SSG/R. In this regard, we strongly believe that it is inappropriate for any OSCE executive structures, including CPC, to conduct any activities related to the topic in question as well as launching any relevant guidelines for the OSCE staff.