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TAJIKISTAN  
TO THE OSCE

**Statement  
of the Head of Delegation of Tajikistan Ambassador Nuriddin Shamsov at the  
589<sup>th</sup> FSC Meeting on the completion of SALW and CA Programmes in  
Tajikistan  
(Vienna, September 30, 2009)**

**Thank You Chairperson,**

Delegation of Tajikistan welcomes Ms.A.Anoshkin in the FSC Meeting and thanks him for detailed presentation.

In earlier 2004 the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon initiated SALW programme submitted through the OSCE Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC) to PS's for assistance with destruction of small and conventional ammunition. Today with the completion of two phases, the OSCE SALW Programme in Tajikistan is approaching its end.

The Donor Assessment Mission to Tajikistan on 14-21 June 2009 stressed positive results and effective collaboration between the OSCE Office and the Government of Tajikistan as well as real outcomes of fruitful work has been done during more than four years. Both Tajikistan and the OSCE demonstrated common spirit of cooperation and best practices in destruction of 26.000 pieces of SALW and 34 tones of ammunition, construction of 9 new storage facilities, 60 armory rooms, and training of a number of Tajik experts in explosive ordnance.

Emphasizing joint impressive efforts has been made in the field of SALW Programme in Tajikistan, my Government repeats its appreciation to the Donor-Countries – USA, Norway, Finland, Luxemburg, Sweden and CPC Staff. The Special thank of my Delegation goes to Colonel Alexandr Anoshkin, Project Officer who showed professionalism and good managerial capacity. Tajikistan remembers two Norwegian experts – Morton Lodoen and Arne Steen tragically passed away in 2007 in a traffic accident.

Simultaneously, Delegation of Tajikistan notes that demining, eradication of landmines within the Country and mine's victims protection are the issue of utmost importance demanding more practical assistance of regional and international stakeholders, including the OSCE. It was recommended also that the OSCE supports to the implementation of CSBM and regional cooperation through Mine Action and engages in antipersonnel mines in cooperation with the leading international organizations. Unfortunately, at present Tajikistan is not able to fulfill its commitments regarding full mine clearance up to April 1, 2010 under Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty. In order to meet this obligations Tajikistan needs funding for 2.240.836 USD to cover main expenditures related to the implementation of Mine Programme, in particular the purchase of special equipment and robotics.

Tajikistan anticipates further support and assistance of the PS's and the OSCE to finalize national projects in this sphere.

**Thank you Madam Chairperson,**