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EU statement on transfer of weapons to Azerbaijan

Mr Chairperson

The European Union notes with concern the statements on the export of arms and ammunition to Azerbaijan, made at the 623rd Plenary meeting of the FSC by the Delegations of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan and Bosnia and Herzegovina in respect of the report by the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina circulated under reference number SEC.FR/516/10 dated 24 September 2010 (Mission Bi-weekly Report No 13/2010).

The EU thanks the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Secretariat for keeping participating States informed of these developments. The EU reminds the participating States of the commitments they have undertaken in relation to the “embargo on all deliveries of weapons and munitions to forces engaged in combat in the Nagorno Karabakh area” as well as Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson

The candidate countries CROATIA*, the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA* and ICELAND**, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries ALBANIA and MONTENEGRO, as well as the European Free Trade Association country and member of the European Economic Area NORWAY align themselves with this statement.

*Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

** Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and the European Economic Area.