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**STATEMENT BY  
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RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS ON MILITARY  
SECURITY AND ARMS CONTROL, AT THE 1116th PLENARY MEETING OF  
THE OSCE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

8 October 2025

**Agenda item: Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control  
in accordance with Article IV of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement  
for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Madam Chairperson,

The Russian Federation, as a guarantor of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Dayton Agreement) and a member of the Contact Group, believes in the importance of implementing the Florence Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control, concluded in conformity with the provisions of the Dayton Agreement, Annex 1-B, Article IV.

We continue to regard this instrument of treaty law as an effective tool for maintaining stability and security and building trust in the Western Balkans region.

We note the importance of the ongoing work of the monitoring mechanisms of the Florence Agreement, including inspection visits by representatives of the national verification centres of the defence ministries of the States Parties and member countries of the Contact Group.

Thank you for your attention.