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**STATEMENT BY  
THE HEAD OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR ARMAMENTS AND  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN AT THE 1146th PLENARY MEETING OF THE  
OSCE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

23 September 2026

**Agenda item: Any other business**

Mr. Chairperson,  
Distinguished participants,

In accordance with the provisions of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA), with reference to the relevant decisions of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC), and also drawing on many years of experience of co-operation with the OSCE, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Tajikistan would like to request the assistance and support of the FSC Chairmanship and the OSCE Secretariat in strengthening the Ministry's capacities in the physical security and stockpile management of SALW and conventional ammunition.

This request by Tajikistan is prompted by the following circumstances.

The formations and units of the armed forces of the Republic of Tajikistan currently have SALW and SCA storage facilities that, owing to their technical condition, are unable to ensure the safe storage of munitions.

Missile and artillery systems and engineering explosives and equipment stored in dilapidated facilities, and in some cases and at certain sites inside metal containers, are, if exposed to certain effects, prone to spontaneous decomposition, which can lead to a risk of ignition and explosions, with subsequent negative consequences for humans and the environment.

In that regard, with a view to enhancing the physical security of SALW and SCA storage, it is essential to construct new storage facilities and to overhaul and improve existing infrastructure for the stockpile management of SALW and conventional ammunition.

In addition, drawing on its previous experience of co-operation with the OSCE, the Ministry of Defence notes the need to strengthen local specialists' capacity to monitor the life cycle of munitions, and to provide them with the necessary equipment for determining the composition and condition of propellant

charges. As the government body of the Republic of Tajikistan responsible for the destruction of obsolete and unserviceable munitions, the Tajik Defence Ministry is currently in need of both the necessary laboratory equipment and supporting training courses for specialists from the Republic of Tajikistan's national authorities.

At the same time, we should like to inform you that the questionnaire completed by the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Tajikistan was submitted through the official channels to the FSC Chairmanship and the OSCE Secretariat in September of this year.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you for your attention.