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Statement by the Delegation of Armenia at the 1149th Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation

Security Dialogue: "Code of Conduct: Strengthening Implementation and Accountability Mechanisms"

14 October 2026

Mr Chair,

At the outset, we would like to express our appreciation to the UK Chairpersonship for bringing the topic of "Code of Conduct: Strengthening Implementation and Accountability Mechanisms" to the attention of the FSC. We also thank the speakers for their insightful presentations.

Armenia believes that more than thirty years after its adoption, the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security remains an important document, holding a special place within the politico-military dimension. With its inter-State and intra-State elements, the Code provides a clear framework for advancing the comprehensive and co-operative security concept of the OSCE.

Under the Code, participating States reconfirmed their comprehensive concept of security, which relates the maintenance of peace to respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. This linkage remains highly relevant today, as stability and security cannot be detached from full respect for international law, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

One of the key aspects of the Code is the democratic control of armed and security forces. Armenia continues to advance its security sector reform agenda in close co-operation with international partners, strengthening the effectiveness and accountability of security institutions operating under civilian control, in accordance with human rights and the rule of law. The OSCE has been a valuable partner through its extra-budgetary project on security sector governance, within which the multi-stakeholder Platform on Democratic Oversight of the Security Sector was established as an advisory body to the National Assembly Standing Committee on Defence and National Security.

The Code embeds the fundamental principles and obligations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, which are complementary and mutually reinforcing. International humanitarian law prohibits torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of detainees. It further provides that prisoners of war must be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of active hostilities.

Prevention of, and accountability for, violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law are therefore essential, not only for the protection of individuals, but also for sustainable peace and security. Respect for these obligations is necessary to alleviate human suffering, uphold the credibility of our shared politico-military commitments and consolidate the groundwork for reconciliation.

Mr Chair,

The implementation of all our common commitments in good faith is another requirement of the Code that remains fundamentally important for stability and security and consequently constitutes a matter of direct and legitimate concern to all participating States.

Armenia remains committed to the full and effective implementation of the Code of Conduct and to continued co-operation within the OSCE framework in this regard.

Thank you.