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STATEMENT

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I would like to extend a warm welcome and congratulate Spain on assuming the Chairpersonship of the Forum for Security Cooperation and wish you, Ambassador Valdés y Valentin-Gamazo, a successful Chairpersonship in these challenging times. We look forward to working with you and your able team in your crucial task of leading this Forum throughout the next months.

We count on your Chairpersonship's balanced and inclusive approach to all the security challenges, while ensuring proportionate and equitable attention towards different conflict and crisis situations across the entire OSCE area of responsibility.

Mr. Chair,

We have taken good note of the priorities and goals for the next trimester, as outlined in the introductory remarks by Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares Bueno. The topics chosen for the security dialogues are relevant which provide a solid framework for deliberations on the existing and emerging security challenges that our organisation faces, as well as to focus on the implementation of our politico-military commitments.

In this regard we would like to highlight the Security Dialogue on Responsible Military Use of New and Emerging Technologies. We believe this discussion is important in understanding and addressing the challenges and threats posed by global security dynamics and new generation warfare. As we stand on the cusp of unprecedented technological advancements, the proliferation of weapons, particularly autonomous systems, underscores the urgent need for international cooperation and relevant regulation.

We also commend the intention to convene a joint FSC-PC meeting on Women, Peace, and Security, thereby ensuring that this important topic remains high on the FSC agenda. We believe that efforts to maintain peace and security are more sustainable when women are equal partners, particularly in preventing violent conflict, delivering relief and recovery, and contributing to durable settlements. In this context, it is crucial to ensure the protection of women and girls from gender-based violence during armed conflicts. Equally important is to address the emerging issues, particularly those

affecting women whose lives and livelihoods have been severely impacted by military violence and forced displacement. The Government of Armenia remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing the Women, Peace, and Security agenda, recognizing that women have a pivotal role to play in all aspects of the conflict cycle.

Mr. Chair,

In conclusion, allow me to assure that the FSC Chairpersonship of Spain can count on the support of the Armenian Delegation. We stand ready to constructively engage and contribute to the discussions and work on your proposed priorities. I take this opportunity to thank Denmark for the stewardship of the FSC during the past trimester and for organizing the work of the Forum in quite challenging times. We also welcome Estonia as a new Troika member and thank Croatia, the outgoing Troika member, for the diligent and professional work.

I thank you.