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### **STATEMENT**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Republic of Serbia, one of the OSCE founding states and a participant in drawing up the Final Helsinki Act, fully supports the comprehensive approach to security, appreciating all three dimensions of the OSCE.

The events in the Balkans region throughout the last decade showed that secure future is possible only by overcoming the differences and problems through cooperation and confidence. Thus, Serbia wholeheartedly participates in creating a framework of a sustainable mechanism of cooperation among the regional countries, particularly in the field of security, which results in a significant progress and a visible improvement in the European security environment.

By rendering full support to the concept of overall security, the Republic of Serbia, as a reliable and credible partner, fulfils all the obligations ensuing from the documents, treaties and agreements on the Arms control, by which it significantly contributes to the strengthening of the OSCE security architecture both in the region and beyond.

The implementation of the provisions of the Vienna Document '99 on the enhancement of confidence and security building measures has proved to be an efficient mechanism for strengthening the confidence and for expanding the

regional cooperation to which Serbia contributes at the bilateral level as well, by signing the agreements with the Republic of Hungary and the Republic of Bulgaria, and by developing cooperation with the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany and the USA.

Serbia plays its important role in the Arms control at the sub-regional and regional levels through active participation in the Dayton Peace Accord.

We believe that Article IV of Annex 1B to the Dayton Peace Accord is a good model for the implementation of a broad spectrum of confidence and security building measures and that it is of an essential importance for peaceful settlement of disputes and for restraining the states from threatening or the employment of force, the further improvement of which would strengthen the established security foundations among the OSCE participating states. We think that the implementation of this Agreement should continue in an unmodified way.

Defence cooperation is one of the pillars of the overall regional networking process and one of the strategic commitments in the defence system reform process. Serbia is committed to partnership in the processes of the development of the international system of cooperative security and collective defence, which rest upon cooperation and confidence.

Serbia makes a special contribution to the European security and cooperation, particularly in the military political aspect, through a comprehensive reform of the defence system and its integration into the regional and global security structures for which it won special praise in the Annual Report of the European Commission for the previous year.

The cooperation between the Serbian Armed Forces and KFOR in the field is a practical form of the cooperation between Serbia and NATO. KFOR has so far acted very professionally and fully within the framework of the mandate ensuing from the Resolution 1244 of the UN Security Council.

The Republic of Serbia will continue with the planned defence system reform, professionalisation, and placing under full democratic and civil oversight of the Serbian Armed Forces, which is the best contribution to the stability in the region and to the overall efforts for more peaceful and more secure life at the global level. Only in this way can we become providers of security instead of being only a consumer.

Thank you.