

**STATEMENT**  
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The existing arms control agreements in the OSCE area have played a major role in addressing the challenges of a continuously changing security environment in Europe, facilitating the lowering of the tensions by developing appropriate measures in order to enhance confidence, transparency, security and stability. It is worth mentioning in this context the particular importance of the regional agreements which have contributed significantly at preventing disputes, allaying suspicions and a better understanding by implementing specific measures in the arms control field and other measures of a non-military nature **and** co-operation.

The Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe has continued to represent a cornerstone of the European security while the entry into force of the Open Skies Treaty and its successful implementation have provided a very useful additional contribution to the present confidence and security building measures.

Romania shares the opinion that all existing arms control instruments are maintaining their relevance for both the present common security and stability environment and addressing the future risks and challenges of a politico-military nature. At present it is the opinion of this delegation that there is no need to elaborate new agreements but rather to concentrate the efforts of all participating States for ensuring the full implementation and using the synergy and the entire potential of the existing ones.

We should continue the search for new ways and means for improving the implementation process **and** strengthening the existing provisions with the aim of enhancing their efficiency and effectiveness related to addressing the risks pose by destabilizing accumulation and spread of small arms and light weapons as well as proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Romania attaches great importance to the full implementation in good faith of all international norms and principles assumed in the field of arms control and by actions undertaken has proved its willingness, decision and capability to further contribute to strengthening the security and stability both at OSCE and regional level.

We are firmly convinced that in the framework of developing a new European security architecture to meet the security concerns of all Participating States, based on the concept of common, comprehensive **and** indivisible security, the interrelated **and** complementary arms control agreements/treaties will continue to play a central place in preventive diplomacy, early warning, conflict prevention and crisis management.