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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

**OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION ON BEHALF
OF THE FSC TROIKA MEMBERS ON TEMPLATES
FOR THE OSCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS 2002**

In accordance with the conclusions of the Workshop on Implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), conducted in Vienna on 4 and 5 February 2002 (FSC.GAL/21/02), the Conflict Prevention Centre has prepared a set of Templates for the 30 June 2002 Information Exchanges stipulated by the SALW Document (FSC.GAL/32/02).

The purpose of the Templates is to establish common formats for the information exchange, which are based on the relevant provisions of the SALW Document as well as on the practices of and the hitherto experience made by participating States (as analysed in the Overview of the first Information Exchange on SALW - document FSC.GAL/9/02). It is the expectation of the FSC Troika Members that these Templates will assist participating States in preparing their national submissions in a more standardized format. This will in turn increase the yield of the Information Exchange, enhance the comparability of national submissions and also facilitate the future identification of best practice guidelines in these areas. Through this the Templates will become a useful working tool assisting the implementation of SALW Document and part of FSC *acquis*.

The FSC Troika Members encourage participating States to follow, as closely as possible, the contents of the Templates, including the recommendations embodied therein, both in terms of the structure and the detail of the information to be exchanged in preparing their national submissions pursuant to the SALW Document of 2000. The participating States are also encouraged to provide a courtesy translation of their submission in another OSCE language.

The FSC is requested to keep the contents of the Templates under review on an annual basis reflecting, *inter alia*, the outcome of the Information Exchanges.