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The Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and has the honor to transmit the Report of Bosnia and Herzegovina on implementation of the resolution 65/63, entitled "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" adopted by the General Assembly on 8 December 2010.

Enclosed herewith is a hard copy of the Report of Bosnia and Herzegovina as requested by the note verbal ref. ODA/08-2011/ICBM dated 25 March 2011. The electronic version of the Report is simultaneously been sent to the e-mail address: conventionalarms-unoda@un.org.

The Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 29 April 2011



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Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control

Guided by the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Annex 1-B, the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control, Article IV, signed in Paris on December 14, 1995, Bosnia and Herzegovina has signed the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control in Vienna on January, 4, 1996. Also, along with Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Agreement Parties were Republic of Croatia, Serbia and Monte Negro.

In order to create stabile peace in the area of these countries, measures for regional stabilization and arms control have been established, as well as new forms of cooperation in the field of security, which are aimed to the building of transparency and confidence and achieving the balanced and stabile levels of defense force with the minimum quantity of arms, pursuant to the signatory parties security and requirement to avoid an arms race in this area.

With the consistent implementation of the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control, Bosnia and Herzegovina has a significant role in the stability of the South Eastern Europe region, by which improves its position and importance in the regional cooperation and strengthening the confidence and security measures.

Affirming the value and application of purpose and principles of the United Nations Charter and other international law provisions, and recognizing the need to improve cooperation in the area of security, through further incentives norms of responsible and cooperative behavior in the area of security, Bosnia and Herzegovina is a consistent participant in the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, Biological and Chemical Weapons Convention, Convention on Conventional Weapons of the UN Program on Light and Heavy Weapons in all aspects, UN Register of Conventional Weapons, as well as all the primary political-military OSCE documents and decisions.

All the above mentioned instruments represent an integral part and essential element of the security and stability cooperation policy and will remain an important mechanism for the strengthening the security and stability. By active participation in finding solutions and creating programs at the regional level, Bosnia and Herzegovina would like to enhance its role and importance, not only in the area of security, but through the development of intensive and overall bilateral relations with all countries in the region, particularly neighboring countries.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is determined to develop other types of cooperation as well in the area of defense at the various regional levels, and to transfer and share its experiences and obtained knowledge in the area of implementation of the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control with other interested countries.