Republic of Serbia: Reply to the request by the Office for Disarmament Affairs contained in its note no. ODA/2024-00028/CAC of 5 February 2024 referring to Resolution 78/37 Conventional Arms Control at the Regional and Subregional Levels

Serbia complies consistently with all the provisions of international agreements in the field of arms control. At the regional level and in line with the Vienna Document 2011, Chapter X, Regional Measures, it signed a Bilateral agreement with Hungary for confidence- and security-building measures supplementing the Document.

On the same basis, the Ministry of Defence signed a Protocol with the Ministry of Defence of Bulgaria on measures for strengthening confidence and security which also supplements the Document.

In accordance with the Vienna Document 2011, Chapter X, Regional Measures, and on the basis of the Concluding Document on the Negotiations under Article V of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Verification Centre of the Ministry of Defence and the Verification Centre of Germany sign every two years Letters of Intent providing for additional activities in the field of arms control.

At the subregional level and on the basis of the Vienna Document 2011, Chapter X, Regional Measures, and in connection with the Concluding Document on the Negotiations under Article V of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, (Agreement on Subregional Arms Control) and under the Inspection Protocol, Annex II of the Agreement and the Annual Inspection Plan under the Agreement, Serbia accepts the number of inspections by the Parties to the Agreement on its territory as provided thereby. At the same time and under the same Documents, Serbia carries out the number of inspections at the territories of the other Parties to the Agreement.

Conventional arms controls are carried out under the Annual Inspection Plans and in accordance with advance notices, not included in the Plans. The members of the Army of Serbia take part in escort and inspection teams during the controls in Serbia and abroad.

No violations of the relevant arms control Protocols have been evinced in the work of these teams so far.

Through its participation in arms controls at regional and sub-regional levels, the Army of Serbia recognizes the importance of transparency, aimed at promoting peace and stability in the region and the world.