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ARMS CONTROL, AT THE 984th PLENARY MEETING OF THE  
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

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**Agenda item: Any other business**

**Subject: On the exercises by the armed forces of the Russian Federation in August and September 2021**

Mr. Chairperson,

During the summer recess of the Forum for Security Co-operation, the armed forces of the Russian Federation, like those in other OSCE participating States, continued their summer training period. Scheduled exercises were conducted to which the thresholds for notification under the Vienna Document 2011 did not apply. Thus, in keeping with the principle of voluntary transparency, the Russian Federation should like to inform its partners about some of the operational and combat training activities conducted by the Russian armed forces in August and the first ten days of September 2021:

- From 2 to 6 August, a bilateral command and staff exercise with groupings of troops (forces and units) was conducted in the Primorsky territory. The exercise involved up to 8,500 troops, some 1,900 units of weaponry and military equipment and up to 30 aircraft.
- From 2 to 9 August, a command and staff exercise to practise command of a grouping of troops (forces) of the Northern Fleet was conducted at the Northern Fleet training ranges in the northern part of the Kola Peninsula and in the Barents Sea. The exercise involved up to 1,000 troops, some 200 units of weaponry and military equipment, nine warships and support vessels and six aircraft.
- From 16 to 20 August, a tactical exercise with amphibious landing troops was conducted on the territory of the Kaliningrad region and in the southern part of the Baltic Sea. The exercise involved up to 2,300 troops, some 100 units of weaponry and military equipment, up to 40 warships and support vessels and up to ten aircraft.
- From 30 August to 3 September, the joint live-fire exercise “Combat Commonwealth-2021” with air defence troops (forces) of the armed forces of the Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States was held on the territory of the Astrakhan region. The exercise involved up to 1,500 troops and some 200 units of weaponry and military equipment.

- From 31 August to 3 September, a bilateral regimental tactical exercise was conducted on the territory of the Kaliningrad region. The exercise involved up to 1,000 troops, some 250 units of weaponry and military equipment and up to three aircraft.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.