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**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE INFORMAL GROUP OF FRIENDS ON CHILDREN
AND ARMED CONFLICT**

As delivered by Military Adviser Colonel Bjørn Gaute Herlyng at the Forum for Security
Cooperation,

Vienna, 5 March 2025

Mr. Chair,

I make this statement on behalf of the Group of Friends of Children and Armed Conflict.

As you are aware of the FSC support Section has issued the reminders for the information
exchange on Code of Conduct with deadline 15th April.

As one of 3 voluntary reporting elements connected to this information exchange a
questionnaire on Children and Armed Conflict was added last year.

On behalf of the Group of friends of Children in Armed Conflicts I would like to thank all
countries that voluntary reported in 2024 and encourage those who did not report - to do so this
year.

The Group of friends is monitoring the reporting and will present an assessment as soon as
enough answers have been submitted.

Thank you, Mr. Chair

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