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Delegations will find attached the Council conclusions on Bosnia and Herzegovina as adopted by the Council on 15 October 2012.

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS**  
**(FAC, 15 October 2012)**

The Council reiterates its unequivocal support for Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU perspective as a sovereign and united country enjoying full territorial integrity. It reaffirms its commitment to the March 2011, October 2011, December 2011 and June 2012 Conclusions. The Council welcomes the reconfiguration of Operation Althea, completed by 1 September 2012, with a reduced number of forces based in Bosnia and Herzegovina successfully focusing on capacity-building and training while also retaining the capability to contribute to the Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities' deterrence capacity if the situation so requires. It expresses its concern about the current political situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but recognizes that the security environment has remained calm and stable, and notes that the Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities have so far proven capable to deal with threats to the safe and secure environment. In this context, as part of the overall EU strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Council confirms the EU's readiness to continue at this stage an executive military role to support Bosnia and Herzegovina's efforts to maintain the safe and secure environment, under a renewed UN mandate.

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