

Chairmanship: Luxembourg

734th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 13 November 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador H. Wurth

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on “Arms Control in Europe” by Mr. A. Mikhnenko, Deputy Director, Centre for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies, Kyiv, Ukraine: Chairperson, Mr. A. Mikhnenko (FSC.DEL/182/13 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/182/13/Add.1 OSCE+), Lithuania-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/184/13), Switzerland (also on behalf of Serbia) (Annex), United States of America, Greece, Russian Federation, Germany, Spain

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Invitation to participate in an on-line questionnaire on civilian and military personnel collaborating in defence organizations: Switzerland*

(b) *Workshop on Assessment of Implementation and the Role of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) in Achieving the Aims of*

Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, held in Kyiv on 5 and 6 November 2013:
Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Ukraine

- (c) *Letter from the Chairperson of the FSC to the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the FSC's contribution to the Helsinki+40 process (FSC.DEL/183/13 Restr.):*
Azerbaijan, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 20 November 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF SERBIA)**

Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Dear colleagues,

Together with Serbia, Switzerland warmly welcomes Mr. Anton Mikhnenko to the FSC and thanks him for his comprehensive presentation and for outlining possible approaches for constructive discussions.

Arms control, disarmament and confidence- and security-building are integral parts of security in Europe. Switzerland and Serbia therefore share the view that the OSCE could be better used as a platform contributing to the discussion on the future of arms control and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) among the 57 participating States.

Switzerland and Serbia will continue to keep the issue of arms control and CSBMs as a priority on the agenda of the first dimension during our consecutive Chairmanships in 2014 and 2015, with a view to furthering their role in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security architecture. We intend to use the unique advantages and opportunities afforded by the OSCE in order to advance dialogue, among others by creating a climate of confidence.

Aside from creating favourable framework conditions, Switzerland and Serbia reiterate the necessity of fully implementing existing OSCE commitments. They are well placed to add transparency and create confidence. Even if the Vienna Document 2011 on CSBMs cannot take their place, it complements the existing legally binding regimes. The Vienna Document has great potential to be developed.

Moreover, we will explore new ways of furthering work on conventional arms control and CSBMs through the Helsinki+40 process. Switzerland and Serbia therefore welcome the discussion on arms control and CSBMs within the Helsinki+40 process.

I would request you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you for your attention.