



**68th JOINT MEETING OF THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION
AND THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

1. Date: Wednesday, 14 February 2018

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč (FSC) (Slovakia)
Ambassador A. Azzoni (PC) (Italy)

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: “SSG/R IN THE CONTEXT OF
THE OSCE – EXAMPLES FROM PARTICIPATING
STATES AND THE OSCE’S WAY AHEAD”

– *Presentation by the Secretary General*

– *Presentation by the Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions
and Human Rights (ODIHR)*

– *Presentation by the Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia*

– *Presentation by Ambassador V. Norov, Director of the Institute for Strategic
and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan*

– *Presentation by Mr. A. Zouev, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of
Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations
(DPKO) and Co-Chair of the UN Inter-Agency SSR Task Force*

– *Presentation by Ambassador M. Mlynár, Permanent Representative of the
Slovak Republic to the United Nations in New York*

Chairperson (PC), Chairperson (FSC), Secretary General (FSC-PC.GAL/3/18
OSCE+), Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

(FSC-PC.GAL/2/18 OSCE+), Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia (FSC-PC.FR/2/18 OSCE+), Mr. V. Norov (FSC-PC.DEL/3/18 OSCE+), Mr. A. Zouev, Mr. M. Mlynár, Switzerland (FSC-PC.DEL/5/18 OSCE+), United States of America (FSC-PC.DEL/4/18), Bulgaria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC-PC.DEL/1/18), Norway (FSC-PC.DEL/6/18), Austria, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Azerbaijan (FSC-PC.DEL/2/18 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek (FSC-PC.FR/1/18), Serbia (FSC-PC.DEL/7/18 OSCE+), Slovenia, Armenia, Canada, Russian Federation, Germany, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Training course on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, launched online on 29 January 2018: FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Italy) (Annex)*
- (b) *Response to a presentation given by the Ministry of Defence of Belarus at the 875th plenary meeting of the FSC, held on 31 January 2018: Poland, Belarus*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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STATEMENT BY THE FSC CO-ORDINATOR ON MATTERS RELATING TO UNSCR 1325 (ITALY)

I would like to inform you that the training course on “Arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation” for young professionals, in particular women, from the OSCE participating States and the Partners for Co-operation started on 29 January with its first online part, which lasted one week.

The in-person training course is taking place in Vienna this week and will be followed by seven more weeks of online training. The aim of the course is to enable young professionals, in particular women, to increase their awareness, understanding and motivation in relation to various academic, conceptual and analytical issues in the area of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, with a specific focus on the OSCE and its relevant instruments.

More than eight hundred applicants from all over the world applied to take part in the training programme. After a comprehensive selection process, and thanks to the OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security, 70 participants were selected for the programme, 50 of whom to take part in the training course in Vienna. This clearly shows the interest and motivation possessed by these young professionals in deepening their knowledge and analytical skills in the area of conflict prevention and resolution through arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation.

The participants come from Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, the United States and Uzbekistan, and, from the Partners for Co-operation, from Afghanistan, Algeria, Israel and Tunisia.

The training will provide the participants with a general orientation in current politico-military issues and conflict prevention through arms control, confidence- and security-building measures, and will build awareness and increase understanding on disarmament and non-proliferation issues in the OSCE area. Throughout the week the participants will look at the roles of different institutions in this field and at the relations between disarmament and development; furthermore, they will learn about the different

technologies related to disarmament and non-proliferation activities that could be used for peaceful purposes. Also, participants will explore issues related to conventional arms, in particular illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons in relation to arms control. They will learn about the commitments set out in the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA) and about the OSCE's efforts to reduce and prevent the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of SALW.

In accordance with Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/17 (MC.DEC/10/17) on SALW and SCA, participants will also explore how the proliferation of weapons, and conflicts themselves, have differing impacts on women and men, and will enhance their understanding of the role women play in disarmament and non-proliferation, looking in particular at the impact of excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of SALW and SCA on women and children.

During the training programme, the participants will increase their knowledge and understanding of fundamental components in the field of ensuring peace and security. This will play an essential role in their professional work and will contribute to the creation of equal opportunities for women's participation in policy-making, planning and implementation processes in the area of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation.

I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you.