

Chairmanship: Norway

805th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 25 November 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.35 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Kvile

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/227/15), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/226/15), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 2), Canada

(b) *Financial contribution to the project on strengthening the capacity of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine for the removal of unexploded ordnance in the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk:* Luxembourg (Annex 3), Ukraine

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *FSC Chairperson's progress reports to the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Ministerial Council, to be held in Belgrade on 3 and 4 December 2015:* Chairperson

(b) *Food-for-thought paper on the substantial modernization of the Vienna Document and a way ahead for CSBMs (FSC.DEL/219/15 Restr.):* Germany (Annex 4), United Kingdom, France, Italy, Greece, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Denmark, Canada, United States of America, Romania,

Czech Republic, Ukraine, Finland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Turkey, Sweden,
Cyprus, Lithuania, Albania, Montenegro, Ireland

- (c) *Distribution of the compilation “Vienna Document 2011, complemented with the Vienna Document Plus decisions and the proposals of the participating States, as of 24 November 2015” (FSC.DEL/225/15 Restr.): FSC Chairperson’s Co-ordinator for the Vienna Document (Switzerland), Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with today's statement by the Russian delegation on the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (ARC), the delegation of Ukraine wishes to emphasize the following.

International law prohibits the acquisition of part or all of another State's territory through coercion or force. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which remains an integral part of Ukraine, was illegally occupied and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. Illegitimate actions on the part of the Russian Federation do not have any legal consequences with regard to the status of the ARC as an integral part of Ukraine. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders is safeguarded by international law and UN General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, "Territorial integrity of Ukraine".

The Russian Federation is now in breach of such fundamental principles of the Helsinki Final Act as sovereign equality and respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty, refraining from the threat or use of force, inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity of States, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-intervention in internal affairs, and fulfilment in good faith of obligations in international law.

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the reference to Crimea in the statements by a number of delegations today, the delegation of the Russian Federation feels obliged to make the following observations.

The proclamation of independence of the Republic of Crimea and its incorporation into the Russian Federation was a legal expression of the right of the people of Crimea to self-determination at a time when Ukraine, with outside support, was in the throes of a *coup d'état*, with radical nationalist elements exerting a forceful influence on the decisions adopted in the country, which in turn resulted in the interests of the Ukrainian regions and Russian-speaking population being ignored.

The multi-ethnic population of Crimea took the corresponding decisions by a huge majority in a free and fair expression of its will. The status of the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as constituent entities of the Russian Federation is not open to reconsideration or discussion. Crimea is and will remain Russian. This is a fact that our partners will have to come to terms with.

This position is based on and fully complies with international law.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF LUXEMBOURG

At the request of the Ukrainian Government, the OSCE has developed a project to strengthen the capacity of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine for the removal of unexploded ordnance in the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk. The project provides expert training courses, equipment and assistance and is implemented by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine. This is a project of high priority for Ukraine, which is striving to protect the life of the population and the functioning of vital infrastructure. Luxembourg will donate 20,000 euros to the project, which is numbered 3200255, in order to support the Ukrainian Government in rehabilitating areas contaminated by unexploded ordnance and explosive remnants of war.

We encourage all other participating States to take similar steps to support projects on small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA).



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,
Dear colleagues,

Kindly let me draw your attention to a German food-for-thought (FFT) paper on confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) which we had circulated on Monday, 23 November via the FSC network under the reference number FSC.DEL/219/15.

This paper is an initial input from our side, distributed in the run-up to our OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office. It is a contribution to a process that we consider to be a particularly challenging priority for 2016, namely, that of helping to re-establish mutual confidence in the OSCE area.

Obviously, there are several components to this endeavour. Among these components, re-invigorating CSBMs is one important one. And it is the area *par excellence* where the FSC can and should make a particular contribution of its own.

As a delegation to the FSC and as OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office we will stand ready to join efforts to revitalize a meaningful dialogue, notably (but not exclusively) on the modernization of the Vienna Document. We are well aware that any such process go well beyond 2016. As a result, we deem it all the more necessary to recommit to the process now.

The FFT paper is complementary to other recent initiatives in the field and to the efforts of the Co-ordinator for the Vienna Document Mr. Pierre von Arx. Among the other initiatives, I would mention the Greek FFT paper focusing on Vienna Document Chapter III, the Polish Vienna Document proposal on “Hazardous Incidents of Military Nature”, and the United States FFT paper containing suggestions related to various pertinent areas of the Vienna Document. We are supportive of these initiatives.

Our paper is food for thought in the proper sense of the expression. By recalling the functions of CSBMs we would like to underline the relevance and topicality of CSBMs in the current circumstances, when trust has dropped to an utterly insufficient level. We intend to develop more concrete suggestions, and the paper indicates where we see priority areas in this regard. They coincide with those Vienna Document chapters in relation to which many participating States have previously made proposals.

Our contributions are intended to build on previous work. The FFT paper also offers a set of questions which from our point of view are pertinent for a credible and substantial updating of the Vienna Document. These are questions that guide our reflections, and we hope that they will also provide other participating States with points of entry into more animated discussions. When I say that we are looking forward to your comments, this demonstrates what the paper essentially is: an invitation to contribute to a meaningful dialogue on CSBMs.

Mr. Chairperson, may I kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you very much.