



**28th (SPECIAL) JOINT MEETING OF THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION
AND THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

1. Date: Wednesday, 23 May 2007

Opened: 10.30 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairpersons: Mr. V. Matek (FSC) (Croatia)
Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma (PC) (Spain)

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Permanent Council and the Forum for Security Co-operation observed a moment of silence to pay respect to the victims of the bombing in Ankara on 22 May 2007.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION,
H.E. MR. SERGEY LAVROV

Chairperson of the PC, Chairperson of the FSC, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (FSC-PC.DEL/13/07), Norway (also on behalf of Germany, the United States of America, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Spain, France, the United Kingdom, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (Annex), Kyrgyzstan (FSC-PC.DEL/15/07 OSCE+), United States of America (FSC-PC.DEL/18/07), Canada (FSC-PC.DEL/21/07/Corr.1), Serbia

(FSC-PC.DEL/17/07 OSCE+) Belarus (FSC-PC.DEL/14/07 OSCE+),
Azerbaijan, Armenia, Switzerland (FSC-PC.DEL/24/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 11 July 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Forum for Security Co-operation
Permanent Council**

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY

Mr. Chairperson,

In response to the comments made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, H.E. Sergey Lavrov, concerning the CFE Treaty, I would like to call attention to a statement made on 8 May in the Joint Consultative Group by the delegation of Canada on behalf of Germany, the United States of America, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Spain, France, the United Kingdom, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Turkey.

On behalf of these OSCE participating States I can confirm that they remain fully committed to the said statement. They reaffirm the fundamental role of the CFE Treaty as a cornerstone of European security and our adherence to its goals and objectives. They also reaffirm their determination to fulfil in good faith all obligations and commitments arising from the Treaty and its associated documents, the operation of which has led to increased trust and transparency among States Parties. They wish to continue to build on that trust and transparency in working together with all States Parties in the framework of the Joint Consultative Group and also in the NATO-Russia Council.

They therefore note with concern remarks made by President Putin on 26 April 2007 during his speech to the Russian Federal Assembly, in which the proposals to examine the possibility of suspending the Russian Federation's implementation of the CFE Treaty was made. They would be truly concerned if the Russian Federation were to cease to implement its obligations under the CFE Treaty and would regret any weakening of the CFE regime. In this context they take note of the announcement made by Minister Lavrov that there will be a request for an extraordinary conference of the States Parties.

They remain fully committed to ratifying the Adapted CFE Treaty as soon as the Russian Federation's remaining commitments made on the Republic of Georgia and the Republic of Moldova have been fulfilled. They hope that can occur very soon. Entry into force of the Adapted CFE Treaty is our common goal.

They believe that with extra effort, in a spirit of co-operation, we can engage in a forward-looking discussion with a view to overcoming difficulties. They believe that

maintaining a constructive dialogue is an essential step towards resolving remaining issues. They appreciate the dialogue that has begun and are prepared to engage in a positive spirit. They look forward to a fruitful discussion.

I have also been asked to inform you that Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Slovenia fully support the positions expressed in this statement.

Mr. Chairperson,

I request that the referenced statement be attached to this statement and that both statements be included in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

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Attachment

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

8 May 2007

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to make a statement on behalf of Germany, the United States of America, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Spain, France, the United Kingdom, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Turkey.

As we stated at the conclusion of the Third CFE Review Conference, we reaffirm the fundamental role of the CFE Treaty as a cornerstone of European security and our adherence to its goals and objectives. We also reaffirm our determination to fulfill in good faith all obligations and commitments arising from the Treaty and its associated documents, the operation of which has led to increased trust and transparency among States Parties. We wish to continue to build on that trust and transparency in working together with all States Parties in the framework of the Joint Consultative Group.

We therefore note with concern remarks made by President Putin on 26 April 2007, during his speech to the Russian Federal Assembly, in which the proposal to examine the possibility of suspending Russia's implementation of the CFE Treaty was made. We would be concerned if Russia were to cease to implement its obligations under the CFE Treaty, and would regret any weakening of the CFE regime. We therefore encourage the Delegation of the Russian Federation to clarify the meaning of President Putin's statement.

We remain fully committed to ratifying the Adapted CFE Treaty as soon as Russia's remaining Istanbul Commitments on Georgia and Moldova have been fulfilled. We hope that can occur very soon. Entry into force of the Adapted CFE Treaty is our common goal.

We believe that with extra effort, in a spirit of co-operation, we can engage in a forward-looking discussion with a view to overcoming difficulties. We believe that maintaining a constructive dialogue is an essential step towards resolving remaining issues. We are prepared to engage in a positive spirit and look forward to a fruitful discussion.