

Chairmanship: Montenegro**788th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 13 May 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador S. Milačić

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson expressed condemnation of the recent violence on 9 and 10 May 2015 in Kumanovo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and regret for its tragic impact on human lives, as well as on peace and stability in the country. The Chairperson also called for preventing violence from escalating.

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION

Presentation entitled “Small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition – the OSCE’s role in the context of international norms and procedures”, by Mr. K. Krause, Director, Small Arms Survey (SAS), and by Mr. J. Sareva, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR): Chairperson, Mr. K. Krause (FSC.NGO/1/15 OSCE+), Mr. J. Sareva (FSC.DEL/92/15 OSCE+), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/89/15), Belarus, Azerbaijan, Russian Federation, Armenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine (FSC.DEL/87/15), Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Spain)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON AN OSCE MEETING TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OSCE PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 2/15 (FSC.DEC/2/15) on an OSCE meeting to review the implementation of OSCE practical assistance projects on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex) (FSC.DEL/88/15), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/90/15), United States of America, Russian Federation

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Report on the 67th meeting of the Communications Group and on the recent Global Exchange of Military Information:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) *Food-for-thought paper to reinvigorate the dialogue on the Vienna Document Chapter III risk reduction mechanism (FSC.DEL/55/15 Restr.):* Greece
- (c) *Matters of protocol:* Czech Republic
- (d) *Recent military exercise conducted by Azerbaijan:* United States of America, Azerbaijan, Armenia

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 20 May 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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FSC Journal No. 794, Agenda item 3

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Madam 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, Madam Chairperson.

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DECISION No. 2/15**OSCE MEETING TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
OSCE PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS ON SMALL ARMS
AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Mindful of the important role of the OSCE in combating the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) in all its aspects and of its endeavour to contribute to the reduction in, and prevention of, the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of SALW,

Recognizing the continuing importance of OSCE measures aimed at addressing the security risks and the safety of stockpiles of SALW and SCA in surplus and/or awaiting destruction in some States in the OSCE area,

Reaffirming its commitment to strengthening efforts aimed at ensuring the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012), the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011), and related FSC decisions, including the OSCE Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DEC/2/10, 26 May 2010),

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/14, which tasked the FSC to continue to strengthen efforts to fully implement existing measures and commitments set out in the OSCE Document on SALW, the OSCE Document on SCA, and related FSC decisions,

Taking note of the Outcome Document of the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the UN Programme of Action on SALW, in which States acknowledged the importance of co-operation and assistance, including through regional and subregional organizations and United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament, on issues such as stockpile management and physical security measures and the destruction or other responsible disposal of surplus stocks or unmarked or inadequately marked small arms and light weapons,

Commending the successful projects conducted by the OSCE on the destruction of surplus small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition as well as ensuring their safe and secure storage,

Recognizing the importance of co-operation with other relevant intergovernmental organizations in ensuring the effective implementation of such practical assistance projects,

Decides:

1. To organize an OSCE meeting to review the implementation of practical assistance projects on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition implemented under the OSCE Documents on SALW and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, with a view to exploring possible further actions, to be held on 14 and 15 July 2015, in Vienna, with the participation of relevant international organizations in accordance with the programme, indicative timetable and organizational modalities annexed to this decision;
2. To request the OSCE Secretariat to support the organization of this meeting;
3. To invite the OSCE participating States to consider providing extrabudgetary contributions for the above-mentioned event.

**OSCE MEETING TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
OSCE PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS ON SMALL ARMS
AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

Vienna, 14 and 15 July 2015

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 14 July 2015

10–11 a.m.	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Opening statement by the FSC Chairperson– Opening address by the OSCE Secretary General (TBC)– Keynote address by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro
11–11.30 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Working session I: Review of the implementation of the OSCE assistance mechanism for SALW and CA projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by the working session moderator– Presentations on the implementation of the OSCE assistance mechanism for SALW and CA projects– Possible assistance to Partners for Co-operation– Discussion
1–2 p.m.	Lunch break
2–3 p.m.	Side event: Good practices in SALW and CA record-keeping
3–6 p.m.	Working session II: Horizontal co-operation and co-operation with other international and regional organizations (with a 30 minute coffee break) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by the working session moderator

- Presentations on specific aspects of models for co-operation
- Panel discussion: Horizontal co-operation and co-operation with international and regional organizations
- Discussion

Wednesday, 15 July 2015

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Working session III: Progress and existing challenges in the implementation of SALW and SCA projects (with a 30 minute coffee break)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by the working session moderator– Presentations on the progress and existing challenges in the implementation of SALW and SCA projects– Discussion
1–3 p.m.	Lunch break
3–4.30 p.m.	Continuation of working session III
4.30–5 p.m.	Coffee break
5–5.30 p.m.	Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Discussion to explore possible further actions for the implementation of SALW and CA assistance projects– Chairperson's closing remarks

II. Organizational modalities

Background

Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/14 tasked the FSC to, *inter alia*, continue to strengthen efforts to fully implement existing measures and commitments set out in the OSCE Document on SALW, the OSCE Document on SCA, and related FSC decisions as well as to explore ways to enhance outreach to the OSCE Partners for Co-operation on issues related to SALW and stockpiles of conventional ammunition. The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the implementation of OSCE practical assistance projects on SALW and conventional ammunition, as well as provide a forum to examine further ways of improving the effectiveness of such projects.

Organization

The FSC Chairmanship will chair the opening and closing sessions.

Each working session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The rapporteurs will assist the moderators in the preparation of their respective working sessions. Each rapporteur will provide a brief written report for the Chairperson of the closing session and a written summary report, which will become a part of the Chairperson's report.

Each working session will be introduced by the moderator, after which several presentations will be given on specific aspects of the topic, either by the moderator or by other experts. The introduction and the presentations are to be in line with point-papers to be distributed via the moderator prior to the meeting. The introductions and the presentations at the working sessions are to be brief, so as to allow maximum time for discussion, and should therefore highlight only the most important elements of the point-papers so as to provide information and set the scene for the discussion.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the meeting. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions. The FSC Chairperson will provide a report on the meeting not later than 15 September 2015, including a summary of suggestions and recommendations made during the meeting. The OSCE Secretariat will assist the FSC Chairperson in all matters concerning the organizational modalities of the meeting.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to ensure the participation of senior officials, including those from capitals, at the meeting. The OSCE institutions will participate in the meeting. The Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will also be invited to participate.

Other relevant international and regional organizations that are involved in relevant SALW activities, such as the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, the UN Development Programme, the European Union, will also be invited by the FSC Chairperson. The deadline for registrations will be 7 July 2015.

General guidelines for participants

Prior circulation of briefings, overviews or statements is encouraged. To promote interactive discussion, delegations are requested to provide formal statements in writing only. Delegations are requested to limit the length of their oral statements to five minutes.

Guidelines for keynote speakers and panellists

To facilitate discussion within the time constraints, the keynote presentation will be limited to 15–20 minutes, introductions and presentations in the working sessions to 5–10 minutes, and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes.

In their contributions, the speakers at the opening and working sessions should set the scene for the discussion and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations, and should concentrate on the highlights of their contributions. Speakers should remain present during the entire session they are addressing and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation. In order to promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions at the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes. The speakers should also contribute to the further substance of the meeting as it evolves and as time permits. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator will chair the session and should facilitate and focus dialogue among the participants. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subjects of the opening and working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or refine the scope of the discussion. The moderators may provide input to the Chairperson for the FSC Chairperson's report.

The rapporteurs' reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and rapporteurs should provide written summaries subsequent to the meeting. Personal views will not be advanced.

Guidelines for submitting and distributing written contributions

Speakers should submit their written contributions to the meeting moderators no later than 6 July 2015. By 13 July 2015, participating States and other participants in the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions they may have.

By 13 July 2015, international and regional organizations are invited to submit in writing factual information on their organizations that would be useful for the participants. Such information should not be brought to the attention of participants during the meeting.