



Chairmanship: Luxembourg

735th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 20 November 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 10.15 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador H. Wurth

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Financial contribution to the project on stockpiles of conventional ammunition in Serbia: Hungary (Annex 1), Serbia (Annex 2), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Security Days event entitled “The way forward in the politico-military dimension – the role and relevance of OSCE instruments of co-operative security”, to be held on 21 February 2014: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 27 November 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF HUNGARY

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to reiterate that Hungary considers the implementation of the OSCE projects on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition as one of the flagship activities of our Organization. The achievements in this field are undoubted: Thousands of pieces of SALW and thousands of tons of CA have been destroyed with the assistance of the OSCE, making the life of the citizens safer, creating favourable circumstances for economic growth, and promoting social and infrastructural development. The OSCE assistance would not be feasible without the dedication and the commitment of the participating States.

Hungary is convinced that the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management (CASM) for the Republic of Serbia helps our neighbours and friends – *inter alia* – by accomplishing the demilitarization of white-phosphorus-filled ammunition and napalm powders.

Earlier this year, Hungary already contributed 10,000 euros to this project, and now I am very pleased to announce that we have further found it possible to donate an additional 10,000 euros to the project (No. 1101215 – Project title: Assistance to the Government of Serbia in Demilitarization of White-Phosphorus-Filled Ammunition and Napalm Powder) thereby expressing our commitment to the joint endeavour.

We wish all possible success to the colleagues-implementers from the CPC FSC Support Section and from the Ministry of Defence of Serbia. I would like also to thank the FSC Co-ordinator, Lieutenant Colonel Mark Barlow, for co-ordinating the project.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of the project soon.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

I ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Mr. Chairperson,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Mission of the Republic of Serbia, let me thank the delegation of Hungary for the affirmative information concerning their financial support of the Serbian Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management (CASM) in respect of the demilitarization of white-phosphorus-filled ammunition, and express our gratitude to the Hungarian side for this decision.

During the presentation of the CASM Programme at the 732nd meeting of the FSC, you were informed that the project has reached the stage where the first part of Component 1 has been completed, and 161 tonnes of napalm powder have been destroyed. Intensive work is proceeding on the second part, demilitarization of white-phosphorus-filled ammunition.

Also, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Conflict Prevention Centre, FSC Support Section, and Lt. Colonel Mark Barlow, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, for their tireless work on the CASM Programme.

The Republic of Serbia is looking forward to close co-operation with all the partners involved in implementation of the project. Let me once again thank the distinguished delegation of Hungary for their second contribution for this year and reaffirm the readiness of Serbia to further pursue co-operation with our OSCE partners on this particular matter, in a spirit of openness and transparency.

I thank you for your attention and kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.