

Chairmanship: Poland

820th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 18 May 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Bugajski

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: CONVENTIONAL ARMS
CONTROL AND CSBMS

– *Ambassador B. Laggner, Head of the Security Policy Division, Federal
Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland*

– *Ambassador G. Poznański, Director of the Security Policy Department,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland*

Chairperson, Ambassador B. Laggner (FSC.DEL/99/16 OSCE+), Ambassador
G. Poznański (FSC.DEL/100/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-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 Norway, members of
the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San
Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/95/16), Belarus, Ukraine
(FSC.DEL/97/16), United States of America, Turkey, Armenia, Russian
Federation

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/98/16),
Netherlands-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/96/16), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 2)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Opening ceremony of the Aegis Ashore facility in Deveselu, Romania, held on 12 May 2016:* Romania, United States of America, Russian Federation
- (b) *Publication of the proceedings of a workshop on the role of women and gender policy in the military conflict in Ukraine, held in Kyiv on 21 and 22 September 2015:* FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Italy)
- (c) *Informal meeting in connection with FSC Decision No. 2/16 on enabling the provision of assistance to OSCE Partners for Co-operation using procedures outlined in the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, to be held on 9 June 2016:* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)
- (d) *Forthcoming presentations by the Conflict Prevention Centre on projects on small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition in Ukraine and Belarus:* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)
- (e) *Invitation to attend the MAOSCE (military advisers of the participating States of the OSCE) General Assembly, to be held on 18 May 2016:* Switzerland
- (f) *Financial contribution to the project on SALW and stockpiles of conventional ammunition in Belarus:* Germany (Annex 3), Belarus
- (g) *Demonstration of the disposal of SALW under the joint UNDP-OSCE project on Capacity-Building of Small Arms and Light Weapons Stockpile Management and Security in Belarus, held on 12 May 2016:* Belarus
- (h) *Training course for the OSCE Points of Contact on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540, to be held in Kaliningrad, Russian Federation, from 28 June to 1 July 2016:* FSC Chairperson's Co-ordinator on Non-Proliferation Issues (Belarus)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 25 May 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Annex 1

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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 by military force 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".

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the illegal occupation and 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**

Dear 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 GERMANY

Mr. Chairperson,

I am pleased to inform you today that the Federal Republic of Germany will finance a project in 2016 in the field of stockpile management and security of small arms and light weapons in the Republic of Belarus.

The project's title is: "Support for upgrading the safety conditions at the weapons storage site in Hrodna, Belarus" (Project No. 1101773). The total project costs amount to 150,000 euros, which the Federal Republic of Germany will finance entirely.

We are convinced of the importance of such projects and are happy to make a contribution to strengthening security in that country.

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