

Chairmanship: Denmark

526th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 10 October 2007

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Closed: 11 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. N. Petersen

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Statement by the member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization regarding the politico-military dimension of security in the OSCE area: Kyrgyzstan (also on behalf of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan) (Annex), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on capacity building of small arms and light weapons stockpile management and security in Belarus, by Ms. V. Stalyho, Programme Manager, United Nations Development Programme in Belarus: Chairperson, Ms. V. Stalyho (FSC.DEL/520/07 OSCE+), Sweden, Belarus (FSC.DEL/522/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: UPDATE BY THE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Chairperson, Communications Group

Agenda item 4: PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SECURITY COMMITTEE ON FSC INVOLVEMENT IN A DRAFT DECISION ON A REVIEW OF OSCE BASIC NORMS AND PRINCIPLES IN THE FIELD OF SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE/REFORM (PC.DEL/823/07)

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Security Committee (FSC.DEL/519/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *FSC contribution to preparations for the 2007 Ministerial Council meeting (FSC.DEL/513/07 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/514/07 OSCE+)*: Spain, Chairperson
- (b) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson, Italy, Russian Federation

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 17 October 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF KYRGYZSTAN

The member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) call for efforts to be stepped up in the politico-military area of the OSCE's work in the interests of all its participating States, with a view to strengthening stability and security in the region. The preservation and development of the arms control regime is of primary importance if we are to maintain the pan-European security architecture.

We need to overcome the crisis situation surrounding the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE Treaty), a crisis caused by the fact that the original Treaty has become outdated and the Agreement on Adaptation has not yet entered into force. Concrete proposals for restoring the viability of the CFE Treaty were presented by Russia at the Extraordinary Conference in Vienna in June 2007 and need to be carefully examined, first and foremost, within the Joint Consultative Group (JCG).

The experience of the 1990s provides convincing evidence that the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) is capable of making a substantial contribution to resolving urgent problems with regard to the strengthening of pan-European security. Unfortunately, at the start of the twenty-first century the productivity of the Forum's work declined considerably while the most important questions of arms control and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) in Europe, which are at the heart of the FSC's mandate, were put on the back burner. This kind of situation is not in the interests of pan-European security and requires immediate and systematic rectification. The potential of the Forum must be fully exploited and realized.

In this context, the CSTO member States welcome and fully support the idea of holding on 24 October this year a special FSC meeting on existing and future arms control and confidence- and security-building measures. A serious discussion of the current state of affairs and prospects for the development of the situation in this area is long overdue. Such collective brainstorming should provide the rich food for thought needed for the possible updating of the Forum's agenda and for increasing the practical usefulness of its work.

Discussions under so constant an item on the Forum's agenda as "security dialogue" should serve this purpose. This dialogue cannot be reduced to just statements by invited speakers. Under this agenda item, there needs to be a discussion of the really serious

politico-military problems that affect pan-European security and the vital interests of countries in the OSCE area.

The CSTO member States believe it would be useful to take stock fully of the politico-military instruments currently at the OSCE's disposal with a view to bringing them into line with the new realities in the security sphere.

The time has come to concentrate on the elaboration of separate, stand-alone confidence- and security-building measures that will supplement and develop the existing CSBM regime, eliminating existing problems and enhancing transparency and predictability in the politico-military field. A number of ideas along these lines are already being examined by the Forum. In particular, this involves proposals regarding prior notification of the deployment of foreign troops on the territory of OSCE participating States and of large-scale military transit, as well as the exchange of information on rapid reaction forces.

The idea of developing a new generation of CSBMs, which would be better able to counter new threats and challenges, warrants careful study. At the same time, it is important that there be improvements in the implementation of existing measures. In this context, it is essential, in particular, to carefully examine the many proposals that have been submitted on these subjects at several recent Annual Implementation Assessment Meetings.

The CSTO member States attach great importance to the effective implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition. The activities of the OSCE participating States in assisting one another in the disposal of "melange" rocket fuel components, small arms and light weapons, and stockpiles of conventional ammunition, as well as in co-operation in managing such stockpiles and increasing the security of their storage, deserve support and further development.

We are counting on a substantive dialogue with our partners on the entire range of items on the Forum's agenda and are ready for serious work on the contribution of the OSCE's politico-military dimension to the forthcoming Ministerial Council meeting in Madrid.