

**Chairmanship: Norway**

**797th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 23 September 2015

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Kvile

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE ON THE MODERNIZATION OF  
THE VIENNA DOCUMENT: EVOLUTION OF  
CHAPTER X, REGIONAL MEASURES

*Presentation by Colonel (retired) W. Richter, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik  
(German Institute for International and Security Affairs):* Chairperson,  
Colonel W. Richter (FSC.NGO/8/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-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/173/15), Switzerland, United States of America, Romania, Armenia,  
Turkey, Belarus, Russian Federation, Ukraine (FSC.DEL/175/15 OSCE+), Germany,  
Kazakhstan

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (Annex) (FSC.DEL/176/15 OSCE+),  
Luxembourg-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/174/15), United States of America,  
Russian Federation, Belgium, Netherlands

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Meeting for managers of projects on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition, to be held on 4 and 5 November 2015:* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)
- (b) *Disposal of surplus rockets, bombs and artillery shells in Georgia:* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 30 September 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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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 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, Mr. Chairperson.