

Chairmanship: Mongolia

777th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador G. Batjargal

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES

- *The IAEA and the NPT Review Conference, presentation by Mr. C. Feruta, Chief Coordinator, Director General's Office for Coordination, IAEA*
- *Remarks by Mr. C. Istrate, Chair designate of the Main Committee II of the 2015 NPT Review Conference*

Chairperson, Mr. C. Feruta, Mr. C. Istrate (FSC.DEL/9/15 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/14/15), Ukraine (FSC.DEL/10/15), Switzerland (Annex), United States of America, Turkey, Greece, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/11/15), 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;

1 Includes a correction to agenda item 2(b).

the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/15/15), Switzerland (FSC.DEL/13/15 OSCE+), United States of America, United Kingdom, Canada, Russian Federation

- (b) *Visit to an air base and military facility in Hungary from 27 June to 1 July 2016: Hungary*
- (c) *Matters of protocol: Germany*

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons, held on 22 January 2015: Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Spain)*
- (b) *Briefing on the 66th meeting of the OSCE Communications Group held on 17 December 2014 (FSC.GAL/1/15): Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

The FSC agreed on Wednesday, 29 April 2015 as the date for the 2015 Global Exchange of Military Information and on Tuesday, 15 December 2015 for the 2015 annual exchange of military information.

- (c) *Informal meeting on FSC-related projects, to be held on 3 February 2015: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)*
- (d) *Appeal for nominations for an FSC chef de file for the 2015 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC): Chairperson*
- (e) *Appeal for co-ordinators and rapporteurs for the twenty-fifth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) to be held on 3 and 4 March 2015: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 4 February 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Mr. Chairperson,

Switzerland commends the FSC Chairmanship, Mongolia, for choosing the incoming NPT Review Conference as today's topic and warmly welcomes our two speakers, Ambassador Cornel Feruta, Chief Coordinator, Director General's Office for Coordination, IAEA, and Ambassador Cristian Istrate, Chair of the OSCE Security Committee and designated Chair of Main Committee II of the 2015 NPT Review Conference. We are grateful for their comprehensive and insightful presentations.

The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is an essential instrument for strengthening peace and stability in the world. Since it entered into force more than forty years ago, it has greatly contributed to protecting humanity from the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons.

Given the importance of the Treaty and the importance for the regime of the Review Conference, it is clearly our collective responsibility to ensure the success of the 2015 Review Conference.

While the Review Conference will take place in a context of heightened international tensions, it is important to understand that these very developments underline the importance of a robust non-proliferation system.

In the last five years, progress has been possible on a number of non-proliferation issues. Several elements of the 2010 Action Plan have been implemented. At the same time, proliferation threats remain and much remains to be done, notably in the following areas:

- Progress has been made in the establishment of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreements and Additional Protocols verification standards; now progress needs to be made on adapting the IAEA safeguards to different national contexts and future challenges.
- Further encouraging results have also been achieved in effectively securing all nuclear material, in the framework of the IAEA and other processes such as the Nuclear Security Summit.

- In the current context more than ever before, we call upon all States to proceed in fulfilling their obligations to ensure that nuclear weapons, other weapons of mass destruction, and related materials and technologies do not proliferate into the hands of non-State actors and terrorist groups. Continued co-operation in the field of threat reduction remains essential and must continue, particularly in times of heightened tensions.
- Progress has been made on the implementation of UNSCR 1540, particularly in the OSCE area. As the biggest regional security organization under Chapter VIII of the UN Charter, the OSCE is a relevant player in the field of disarmament. It has proved to be a useful tool in the implementation of the 1994 Principles Governing Non-Proliferation modernized in 2013, and of UNSCR 1540 at the regional level, which it promoted in close co-operation with participating States requesting assistance in the form of tailor-made programmes. In this connection, we are of the opinion that the post of the project officer for UNSCR 1540 at the Conflict Prevention Centre should be institutionalized.
- Last but not least, I would also like to mention the consultations on a conference on the establishment of a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. Although this conference has yet to be convened, the key actors are already engaged in a process of substantive dialogue organized by the facilitator. Switzerland continues to encourage the States in the region to remain engaged in constructive consultations. Now more than ever, it is of great importance to take steps designed to lead to a process that will result in the implementation of the resolution adopted in 1995.

These are just few of the areas where efforts need to continue.

While a certain progress has been possible in the field of non-proliferation, we can only regret that long-standing disarmament commitments such as the “13 practical steps” still have to be fulfilled and that progress has been seen on very few of the disarmament-related actions of the 2010 Action Plan.

Mr. Chairperson,

A successful 2015 Review Conference will require flexibility and great commitment from all sides. The Action Plan of 2010, together with the outcomes of previous Review Conferences, should remain our roadmap, precisely because there is an obvious lack of implementation. Switzerland hopes that the NPT Review Conference will prove able to chart a clear path forward for the implementation and building up of the Action Plan.

In this regard, Switzerland wishes Ambassador Cornel Feruta and Ambassador Cristian Istrate every success in their endeavours.

Thank you very much for your attention. The Swiss Mission kindly requests that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.