



Chairmanship: Georgia

## 579th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 20 May 2009

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.25 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. I. Giorgadze

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

(a) *Presentation by Mr. Alexander Lambert on a technical update of the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct*: Chairperson, Mr. A. Lambert (FSC.DEL/114/09 OSCE+), Czech Republic-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/119/09/Rev.1), Switzerland, United States of America, Turkey, Russian Federation, Finland

(b) *Confidence- and security-building measures with regard to naval military forces*: Russian Federation (Annex 1), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE FSC CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
2009 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 3/09 (FSC.DEC/3/09), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the FSC contribution to the 2009 Annual Security Review Conference.

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol:* Belgium (Annex 2), Chairperson
- (b) *Annual Senior Officers' Security and Rule of Law Conference, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 29 June to 1 July 2009:* Switzerland

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 27 May 2009, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

I should like to remind our esteemed colleagues that at the last Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) Russia already proposed a number of new confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) applicable to naval forces, which until now have been unjustifiably absent from the framework of the pan-European CSBM regime. Later, in the course of the recent Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM), we added a further important element to our “package” relating to the exchange of information on the naval forces of OSCE participating States. Today we should like to present this proposal officially at the plenary meeting of the Forum so that it can then be submitted for consideration to Working Group B.

First of all, however, allow me to briefly remind you of our basic arguments to support the extension of the CSBM regime to the naval area. It is no secret that the influence of naval forces on strategic and regional stability has grown appreciably in recent years. These forces, which have a highly effective strike capability, can have a decisive influence on the outcome of any military operation, including land-based ones. For this very reason, in the interests of safeguarding international stability and security in the OSCE region, ensuring the predictability of the naval activities of participating States and extending the transparency and CSBM regime to them are of extreme relevance.

In this regard, we are proposing fairly simple measures that would cover the largest planned naval activities carried out within the limited maritime space around Europe. They include the exchange of information on manpower and major naval weapon systems, prior notification of certain types of naval activities, observation of them, exchange of annual calendars and military contacts with naval forces.

I should stress that this initiative is fully in line with the Madrid mandate, which commits participating States to develop and strengthen the CSBM regime, including not only all of continental Europe but also the adjoining sea/ocean area and airspace.

It is appropriate to recall that in accordance with the document “Global Exchange of Military Information”, OSCE participating States already present some information on their naval capabilities every year, but this only concerns the total number of surface warships

with a displacement of over 400 tons and submarines greater than 50 tons submerged. Surely there is nothing extraordinary about our wanting to go a little further. We are leaving the tonnage of vessels unchanged (400 tons for surface warships and 50 tons for submarines as before) but are proposing that the following additional information be given. Indication should be provided for each warship and auxiliary vessel of the designation and subordination, type, displacement and major dimensions, designation of the naval base at which the ship is based and the peacetime authorized personnel strength. For naval formations, information would be provided on the total number of warships and auxiliary vessels. We are proposing that all this information be provided in an agreed format to all other participating States not later than 15 December of each year on the understanding that it would be valid as of 1 January of the following year.

It is not hard to see that Russia took the experience of the exchange of military information under the Vienna Document as the starting point for the elaboration of these proposals.

As OSCE participating States have repeatedly declared their adherence to military transparency as a means of strengthening confidence, we trust that the Russian proposals will be given constructive consideration.

I would ask you, Mr. Chairperson, to include an item to that effect in the agenda of the meeting of Working Group B on 3 June 2009.

I would also request that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BELGIUM**

Our discussions are discussions about ideas, but these ideas are provided by human beings.

It is with profound sadness that I have to announce the unexpected death of Ambassador Pierre-Etienne Champenois during the night of 15 to 16 May in Brussels.

He was present among us at the seminar organized by the Austrian authorities on 8 May in Vienna on the future of security in Europe, where he chaired and moderated one of the most complex sessions, namely the one on new security challenges.

We were all able to appreciate his qualities. Blessed with both great intelligence and an extensive cultural background, he also consistently demonstrated great humanity and an exceptional sense of humour.

He devoted the bulk of his career to strengthening security on the European continent and was at one time our Ambassador to Moscow. We are going to sorely miss his presence and his experience.

It is my hope that his spirit, which was pragmatic, constructive and open to dialogue, will live on among us in our exchange of views on the future of European security.

I would ask that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation.

Thank you.



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**DECISION No. 3/09  
FSC CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2009 ANNUAL SECURITY  
REVIEW CONFERENCE**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3, which, *inter alia*, tasks the FSC to make its contribution to the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC),

Decides:

1. To present a report in writing and orally to the opening session of the ASRC through the Chairperson of the FSC;
2. To propose to the Chairperson-in-Office that one FSC Troika member or the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre co-ordinates and chairs an appropriate working session of the ASRC;
3. To submit to the Chairperson-in-Office a list of politico-military elements, which could serve as items for discussion and possible subjects of keynote speeches in all sessions, as suggested by FSC delegations.