

Chairmanship: Mongolia

780th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 18 February 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. P. Gansukh

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson extended condolences to Denmark and Egypt (Partner for Co-operation) in connection with the recent terrorist attacks in Copenhagen and Libya. 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/195/15/Rev.1) also offered condolences to Denmark in connection with the terrorist attack in Copenhagen on 15 February 2015.

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: EUROPEAN SECURITY

Presentation by Mr. R. G. Bell, Senior Civilian Representative of the Secretary of Defense in Europe and Defense Advisor, United States Mission to NATO:

Chairperson, Mr. R. G. Bell (FSC.DEL/33/15 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/30/15), Canada, Russian Federation, United States of America, Greece, United Kingdom

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/32/15), 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; 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/31/15/Rev.1), United States of America, Greece, Russian Federation, Croatia, Lithuania, Ukraine (Annex)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Appeal for nominations for an FSC chef de file for the 2015 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC)*: Chairperson
- (b) *Conference on combating transnational threats in the Mediterranean region through information-sharing and co-operation, to be held in Monaco on 1 and 2 June 2015*: Monaco
- (c) *Death of Mr. L. Schultz, former advisor of the United States of America to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe*: Russian Federation, Chairperson, United States of America
- (d) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons, to be held on 24 February 2015*: Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Spain)
- (e) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, held on 17 February 2015*: FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Czech Republic)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 25 February 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 fulfillment 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.