

Chairmanship: Czech Republic

935th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 11 December 2019

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Šrámek

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

Agenda item 1: DISCUSSION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE
2019 MINISTERIAL COUNCIL IN BRATISLAVA

Chairperson, Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/253/19), Ukraine (Annex 1), Slovakia, Russian Federation, United States of America, Azerbaijan, Spain, FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (United Kingdom), Switzerland, Belarus

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/252/19 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/252/19/Add.1 OSCE+), Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/254/2019), Russian Federation, United States of America, Canada, Finland-European Union

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Financial contribution to the repository fund for the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security*: Germany (Annex 2),

FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Romania) (Annex 3)

- (b) *Invitation to a guided tour of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Nicholas in Vienna on 16 December 2019: Russian Federation*
- (c) *Financial contributions to the project “Information Management and Reporting System (iMARS) for collecting, processing and reporting on exchanged military information” and to the electronic data information exchange system: Switzerland*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 18 December 2019, at 11 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairperson,

Ukraine has aligned itself with the EU statement, which we fully support. In addition, let me also make some remarks in my national capacity.

We welcome the two commemorative declarations adopted in the politico-military dimension by the 2019 OSCE Ministerial Council in Bratislava. In this regard, it is worth highlighting that among the important obligations laid down in the disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements to which the participating States reconfirmed their commitment in the Commemorative Declaration on the Occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation and Fifteenth Anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 are those contained in the 1994 Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances in Connection with Ukraine's Accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the 25th anniversary of which we marked on 5 December 2019.

In concluding their agreement with Ukraine, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Russian Federation undertook commitments to respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. On the same day, two other nuclear powers and United Nations Security Council permanent members – China and France – officially expressed similar guarantees to Ukraine in the form of relevant statements.

The Budapest Memorandum was a crucial political and legal step of the young Ukrainian State within the framework of international efforts in the global process of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. While Ukraine has fully observed its obligations under the Memorandum, not all the obligations towards our country undertaken in the Memorandum have been fulfilled. In 2014, the Russian Federation, one of the guarantor States, flagrantly violated its obligations and basic principles of international law by occupying a sovereign part of Ukraine (the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol) and launched armed aggression in the Donbas region of Ukraine. Now, Russia is progressively militarizing the temporarily occupied territory of Crimea and has already transformed it into a powerful military base. Given the strategic location of Crimea in the region, the deployment of nuclear weapons and means of their delivery in Crimea constitutes

a serious challenge to the existing non-proliferation regime and to the global security architecture. Such actions must be met with due responses from the international community.

Ukraine highly appreciates the strong stance of the United States, the United Kingdom and France in support of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. We are grateful for their practical assistance aimed at enhancing Ukraine's defensive capabilities and for their implementation of sanction mechanisms against the aggressor State.

Ukraine continues to consider the Budapest Memorandum as an important international legal instrument for the ensuring of Ukraine's security by the United States, the United Kingdom, France and China, and demands that Russia fully comply with its commitments.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY

Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Esteemed colleagues,

I am pleased to be able to announce to you today that Germany has decided once again to provide financing in 2020 for the outreach efforts of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

We will be contributing 60,000 euros.

During discussion on a Code of Conduct declaration at the Ministerial Council meeting, we made clear how important this has been to Germany for years. Germany started successfully providing funding some years ago and we shall continue to do so in 2020.

Germany is convinced that through this funding we can also highlight the status of the Code of Conduct within the OSCE and help secure the OSCE environment.

I would ask other participating States to examine whether they are also in a position to provide funding.

Mr. Chairperson,

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE FSC CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON
POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY (ROMANIA)**

Mr. Chairperson,

Thank you for giving me the floor. In my capacity as FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct I would like to thank Germany for its continued support and promotion of the Code in various ways, notably through important financial contributions such as the one announced today.

There can be no better way to respond to the Commemorative Declaration on the Occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security adopted by our ministers last Friday in Bratislava, paragraph four of which states that “we will continue promoting the Code of Conduct, *inter alia*, by discussing and exchanging information on it in the Forum for Security Co-operation, organizing annual meetings on its implementation and regional seminars, and undertaking awareness-raising efforts.”

The conduct of regional seminars and awareness-raising activities on a yearly basis following the adoption of FSC Decision No. 1/08 on awareness raising and outreach of the Code of Conduct has, in my opinion, made a substantial contribution to the success we all achieved in Bratislava.

Thank you.

I kindly ask that this statement be appended to the journal of the meeting.