

Chairmanship: Slovenia**881st PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 25 April 2018

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Benedejčič

The Chairperson and the United States of America marked the first anniversary of the death of Mr. Joseph Stone, a member of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine who was killed by a mine in eastern Ukraine on 23 April 2017.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the FSC, offered condolences to Canada in connection with the van attack in Toronto on 23 April 2018. Canada thanked the Chairperson and delegations for their expressions of sympathy.

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: CSBMs AND ARMS CONTROL

- *Presentation by Mr. I. Prezelj, Chair of Defence Studies, Vice-Dean for Scientific Research, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana*
- *Presentation by Mr. C. Friesendorf, Senior Researcher, Centre for OSCE Research, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg*
- *Presentation by Mr. C. Nünlist, Senior Researcher and Team Head, Centre for Security Studies, ETH Zürich*

- *Presentations by Ms. A. Miglietti and Ms. O. Zenz, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Vienna*

Chairperson, Mr. I. Prezelj (FSC.NGO/1/18 OSCE+), Mr. C. Friesendorf (FSC.NGO/2/18 OSCE+), Mr. C. Nünlist (FSC.NGO/2/18 OSCE+), Ms. O. Zenz (FSC.DEL/69/18 OSCE+), Ms. A. Miglietti (FSC.DEL/69/18 OSCE+), Bulgaria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; 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, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/67/18/Rev.1), Canada, Switzerland, Azerbaijan (FSC.DEL/63/18 OSCE+), Turkey, Spain (Annex), United States of America, FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Italy), Ukraine (FSC.DEL/64/18 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Germany, Armenia, Ireland, Russian Federation, Slovakia, FSC Co-ordinator for the Vienna Document (Switzerland)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/65/18 OSCE+), Bulgaria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/68/18), Canada, United States of America, Russian Federation, France, Bulgaria-European Union, Lithuania

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Recent demonstration of new major weapon systems, “Triveneto 2018”, conducted in line with the Vienna Document 2011 from 16 to 20 April 2018:* Italy (FSC.DEL/66/18 Restr.)
- (b) *Regional seminar on the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, to be held in Bucharest from 14 to 18 May 2018 (FSC.GAL/35/18 OSCE+):* FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Montenegro)
- (c) *Global Exchange of Military Information Workshop, being held on 25 April 2018:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 2 May 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to thank all of the speakers for their detailed and constructive presentations on issues that are part of our Organization's foundations.

I refer in particular to the presentations by Ms. Miglietti and Ms. Zenz from the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in Vienna.

Human rights and participation of women in peace-building, along with non-proliferation and disarmament initiatives are major foreign policy priorities for Spain and were high on our agenda when we held a seat on the United Nations Security Council in 2015–2016. It is for this reason that Spain has also joined the Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education Partnership in Vienna and takes part in its Steering Committee.

We have in the OSCE area a large quantity of resources that could be developed, given that women represent only a small share of the people involved in decision-making on issues related to non-proliferation, peace and disarmament. Women's education in this area is essential for increasing women's contribution to peace and related issues. For this reason, Spain supports – financially and through activities to raise awareness – the Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education Partnership initiative in the OSCE area. This work is led by the OSCE and the UNODA in Vienna. We believe that this initiative will help to create new educational opportunities in this area to increase the number of women specialized in disarmament and non-proliferation and taking part in the work on this important aspect of consolidating peace.

Spain supports the continuation of the UNODA educational programmes on disarmament and non-proliferation, which have made it possible to train a significant number of young women experts in disarmament and non-proliferation in the OSCE area, and we invite other participating States to join this much-needed work.

We wish the greatest success to future initiatives in this area.

Mr. Chairperson, we request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairperson.