



Chairmanship: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

703rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Friday, 7 December 2012 (Dublin)

Opened: 9.35 a.m.

Closed: 9.40 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador Z. Dabik

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON REVISION ONE TO FSC DECISION
No. 10/12 ON THE FSC CONTRIBUTION TO THE DRAFT
DECISION ON THE OSCE HELSINKI+40 PROCESS

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 11/12 (FSC.DEC/11/12) on revision one to FSC Decision No. 10/12 on the FSC contribution to the draft decision on the OSCE Helsinki+40 process; the text of the decision is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Proposal for regular and broad discussions in the FSC on the future of arms control and CSBMs: Austria (Annex), United States of America, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 12 December 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF AUSTRIA

Mr. Chairperson,

Austria takes seriously the Astana Commemorative Declaration, which in paragraph 8 states that, “Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building regimes remain major instruments for ensuring military stability, predictability and transparency and should be revitalized, updated and modernized”. As a consequence, we are of the opinion that the Security Dialogue of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation is the appropriate venue to have broad and comprehensive discussions on the future of arms control. We expect that this would be a future-oriented debate where the 57 participating States of the OSCE can participate equally and share their views.

That is why, at the end of October, we proposed an addition to the FSC Chairperson’s draft decision on issues relevant to the FSC (MC.DD/2/12) to take note that – regarding arms control – the mandate of the FSC had so far not been used to its full extent and to establish a structured process of arms control discussions based on the framework for arms control (FSC.DEC/8/96).

However, despite all the efforts undertaken, it was not possible to achieve agreement on the FSC Chairperson’s draft due to the existence of differing views on modernizing and updating the Vienna Document 2011. During the discussion and negotiations, it became evident that regular and broad discussions on the future of arms control and CSBMs are needed in the FSC to overcome the deadlock on modernization and updating of the VD 11.



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**DECISION No. 11/12
REVISION ONE TO FSC DECISION No. 10/12 ON
THE FSC CONTRIBUTION TO THE DRAFT DECISION ON
THE OSCE HELSINKI+40 PROCESS**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Decides to transmit to the Chairperson of the Ministerial Council the following text to be incorporated into the draft decision on the OSCE Helsinki+40 process:

Calls upon the Forum for Security Co-operation, within its mandate, to contribute to the Helsinki+40 process.