

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Forum for Security Co-operation FSC.JOUR/615 28 April 2010

Chairmanship: Hungary

609th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 28 April 2010

Opened: 10.10 a.m. Closed: 11.20 a.m.

- 2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ambassador Gy. Molnár
- 3. <u>Subjects discussed Statements Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Joint statement by the Presidents of the Russian Federation and the United States of America commemorating the sixty-fifth anniversary of the meeting of Soviet and American troops at the Elbe river: United States of America (also on behalf of the Russian Federation) (Annex)

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation by Ambassador Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO): Chairperson, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission of the CTBTO (FSC.DEL/40/10), Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; 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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/39/10), United States of America, France, United Kingdom, Morocco (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 3: LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF

THE 2010 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

Chairperson

The Forum for Security Co-operation agreed to forward the letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2010 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/37/10/Rev.1).

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Organizational matters: Chairperson

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Wednesday, 5 May 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

25 April 2010 marks the 65th anniversary of the legendary meeting of Soviet and American troops at the Elbe River, which became a striking symbol of the brotherhood-in-arms between our nations during World War II. We pay tribute to the courage of those who fought together to liberate Europe from fascism. Their heroic feat will forever remain in the grateful memory of mankind.

The atmosphere of mutual trust and shared commitment to victory, which accompanied the historic handshake at the Elbe, is especially called for today when Russia and the United States are building a partnership for the sake of a stable and prosperous world. We are convinced that, acting in the "spirit of the Elbe" on an equitable and constructive basis, we can successfully tackle any tasks facing our nations and effectively deal with the challenges of the new millennium.