

Chairmanship: Poland

825th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 13 July 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Bugajski

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: SECURITY SITUATION IN GEORGIA

Presentations by H.E. Mr. D. Dondua, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, and Mr. K. Jankauskas, Head of the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia: Chairperson, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia (FSC.DEL/149/16 OSCE+), Head of the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia, Slovakia-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 country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/147/16), Norway (FSC.DEL/143/16 OSCE+), Ukraine (FSC.DEL/145/16), Portugal, Azerbaijan (FSC.DEL/144/16 OSCE+), Turkey, Canada, United States of America, Moldova (FSC.DEL/150/16), Russian Federation, Armenia, Slovenia

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE DATE OF THE 2016 MEETING OF THE HEADS OF VERIFICATION CENTRES

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 3/16 (FSC.DEC/3/16) on the date of the 2016 meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/146/16), Slovakia-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 Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/148/16), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation (Annex 2)*
- (b) *Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), held in Warsaw on 8 and 9 July 2016: Russian Federation*
- (c) *Results of observation of the Anakonda-16 military exercise conducted in Poland from 6 to 17 June 2016: Switzerland*

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Distribution of revised food-for-thought papers and proposals for Vienna Document Plus draft decisions regarding Chapter IV, Contacts, on pooling and improving the co-ordination of contact measures (FSC.DEL/34/16/Rev.1 OSCE+) and on reporting on measures in accordance with the Vienna Document (FSC.DEL/35/16/Rev.1 OSCE+): Germany (Annex 3)*
- (b) *Advanced training course on tracing illicit small arms and light weapons, held in Vienna on 21 and 22 June 2016: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (c) *Training course for the OSCE Points of Contact on UN Security Council Resolution 1540, held in Kaliningrad, Russian Federation, from 28 June to 1 July 2016: Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/151/16 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Request from Jordan (Partner for Co-operation) for assistance in organizing a seminar on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security in September 2016: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 20 July 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Annex 1

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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 by military force 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".

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the illegal occupation and 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.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Dear Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the reference to Crimea in the statements by a number of delegations today, the delegation of the Russian Federation feels obliged to make the following observations.

The proclamation of independence of the Republic of Crimea and its incorporation into the Russian Federation was a legal expression of the right of the people of Crimea to self-determination at a time when Ukraine, with outside support, was in the throes of a *coup d'état*, with radical nationalist elements exerting a forceful influence on the decisions adopted in the country, which in turn resulted in the interests of the Ukrainian regions and Russian-speaking population being ignored.

The multi-ethnic population of Crimea took the corresponding decisions by a huge majority in a free and fair expression of its will. The status of the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as constituent entities of the Russian Federation is not open to reconsideration or discussion. Crimea is and will remain Russian. This is a fact that our partners will have to come to terms with.

This position is based on and fully complies with international law.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY

We would like to draw delegations' attention to ongoing efforts to modernize the Vienna Document. Yesterday we circulated revised versions of our food-for-thought papers and proposals regarding Chapter IV, which deal with contact measures. These proposals are now co-owned by a total of 12, respectively 11, participating States: Germany, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Luxemburg, Latvia, the Netherlands, Romania and, as far as the paper concerning reporting measures is concerned, Slovakia.

The proposals focus on the practical implementation of contact measures. They are inspired by what to a large extent is already common practice today. Their aims include: better co-ordination of contact measures within the common five-year cycle, combining measures conducted by different participating States, and improving reporting mechanisms. They are evolutionary rather than revolutionary in nature. We believe that Chapter IV is a promising area to engage with for all 57 participating States, even when the overall context for Vienna Document modernization remains challenging.

The co-sponsors welcome all comments, questions and suggestions for possible amendments from interested delegations and we encourage all participating States to consider joining the group of co-sponsors.

Thank you very much.



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**DECISION No. 3/16
DATE OF THE 2016 MEETING OF THE HEADS OF
VERIFICATION CENTRES**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming that the OSCE Vienna Document 2011 (VD 2011) remains a key instrument for confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs), and noting that the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) provides an important forum for discussing the implementation of agreed measures under the provisions of the VD 2011,

Taking note of the discussions conducted and views expressed during the twenty-sixth AIAM,

Recognizing that the aim of the Meeting of Heads of Verification Centres is to exchange experiences and information on technical aspects of the implementation of agreed CSBMs,

Decides:

1. To call for a Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres to be held in Vienna on 13 December 2016;
2. To task the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) to prepare and chair the Meeting;
3. To task the CPC to report on the Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres at the opening session of the twenty-seventh AIAM.