
Chairmanship: Romania**846th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 3.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Istrate
Mr. D. Şerban

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: POLITICO-MILITARY
ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE OSCE MISSIONS

- *Mr. C. Lonsdale, CPC Deputy Director for Policy Support Service*
- *Ambassador J. Moore, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- *Ambassador V. Verba, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine*

Chairperson, CPC Deputy Director for Policy Support Service, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Malta-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 country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/39/17), Ukraine (FSC.DEL/41/17), United States of America, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/42/17), Malta-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/40/17), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation (Annex)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Briefing on the multinational exercise “Saber Guardian 2017” to be conducted from 8 to 22 July 2017:* United States of America, Romania, Germany
- (b) *Invitation to the Barbershop Conference, to be held on 7 March 2017 (SEC.DEL/58/17 OSCE+):* Iceland
- (c) *Launching of a structured dialogue pursuant to the Ministerial Council declaration “From Lisbon to Hamburg: Declaration on the Twentieth Anniversary of the OSCE Framework for Arms Control” (MC.DOC/4/16):* Austria

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 8 March 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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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.