

Chairmanship: Monaco**764th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 1 October 2014

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Giordan

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CONFLICT

Presentation on Preventing Sexual Violence: Next Steps by Ms. R. Cave, Gender and Conflict Adviser at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom:
Chairperson, Ms. R. Cave (FSC.DEL/159/14 OSCE+), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, 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, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/161/14), Belgium (Annex 1), Austria, United States of America, Russian Federation, Armenia, United Kingdom, FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Turkey), Ukraine, Greece

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Chairperson

(a) *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/164/14), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and

Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/162/14), United States of America, Russian Federation, Canada, Austria

- (b) *Tactical military exercise, to be conducted in Armenia from 20 to 25 October 2014:* Armenia (Annex 2)
- (c) *Programme of Security Dialogues in the Forum for Security Co-operation:* Azerbaijan (FSC.DEL/165/14 OSCE+), Chairperson, Luxembourg
- (d) *Announcement on the elimination of anti-personnel landmines on the Korean peninsula, on 23 September 2014:* United States of America
- (e) *Entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty on 24 December 2014:* Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, 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, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/163/14), Finland (also on behalf of the United Kingdom) (Annex 3)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Financial contribution to the project on the disposal of hazardous chemicals in Albania:* Norway (Annex 4), Albania, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)
- (b) *Multinational military exercise under the auspices of the Vienna Document 2011, to be conducted from 11 to 23 October 2014:* Slovakia (Annex 5)
- (c) *Matters of protocol:* Canada, United States of America, Bulgaria, Slovenia
- (d) *Implementation assessment meeting in respect of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, held on 23 and 24 September 2014:* Chairperson, Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Spain)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 8 October 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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FSC Journal No. 770, Agenda item 1

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BELGIUM

Mr. Chairperson,
Colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Belgium associates itself fully with the European Union statement, but would like to add some information in a national capacity.

As you know, my country is an ardent supporter of international community activities to combat sexual violence in conflict, activities to which it has already contributed substantially and which it continues to support steadfastly. In connection with this universally acknowledged scourge, I should like to take the opportunity at this meeting to inform the Forum that Belgium has the presidency of the Donor Support Group of the International Committee of the Red Cross, from June 2014 to May 2015. During its presidency, Belgium has identified two priority topics, on the one hand health care in danger and on the other hand sexual violence, so that these topics will continue to receive the closest attention.

We would be grateful, Mr. Chairperson, if this statement could be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

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FSC Journal No. 770, Agenda item 2(b)

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ARMENIA

In the spirit of enhanced transparency, predictability and confidence-building, and in line with FSC Decision No. 9/12 on prior notification of major military activities, Armenia would like to inform the Forum about the “regiment live fire” tactical exercise that will take place in its territory from 20 to 25 October.

The exercise was announced with notification number CBM/AM/13/0018F30/0.

A total of 1,200 soldiers from the land forces, including infantry, artillery, and armour units, will be involved in the exercise.

The purpose of the exercise is to improve the tactical skills and harmonize the operations of the designated troops.

The scenario will exercise the resilience of the regiment’s combat capabilities to prevent offence by the possible adversary, while improving interoperability of units in defence and counter-attack.

The military equipment used during the exercise will include ACVs, 3–6 units; APCs, 3–6 units; Artillery 100 mm and higher, up to 9 units; and mobile air defence equipment.

I kindly ask you to append this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

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FSC Journal No. 770, Agenda item 2(e)**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FINLAND
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM)**

Mr. Chairperson,

It gives me great pleasure to address you on behalf of the United Kingdom and Finland as two of the original co-authors of the Arms Trade Treaty.

This is a moment of great significance. The Arms Trade Treaty has attracted 50 ratifications in record time and we will witness its entry into force in December – only 20 months or so after the Treaty's approval in the United Nations General Assembly. This bears witness to the willingness of the international community to support the Treaty.

In addition to all the ratifying States, we also pay tribute to the international and regional organizations which participated in the negotiation process. We also owe a great debt to the representatives of civil society who played an active role throughout the ATT process, helping and pushing us to find solutions to various issues.

We all know that unregulated access to arms has caused worldwide human suffering. While this is a global Treaty, it is important to emphasize that the ATT will be implemented at the national level. By requiring States to display responsibility and transparency in arms transfers, with greater respect for international human rights law and international humanitarian law, the ATT will have an impact on the lives of millions of men, women and children.

Some countries might need technical assistance to build up and run a licensing and administrative system that meets the requirements of the ATT. All States in a position to do so should consider assisting States in need, upon their request. Additionally, international co-operation should be enhanced, including through well co-ordinated outreach.

Mr. Chairperson,

Our work is not yet over. To meet the important requirement of universality, countries in all continents should become parties to the ATT. Countries both big and small, major arms producing States and developing countries alike should all ratify the Treaty.

Now we are preparing for the important First Conference of States Parties, to be held in Mexico next year. It is with a spirit of co-operativeness and a willingness to work together that we will be able to get the Arms Trade Treaty globally implemented in an effective way.

I kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you.

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FSC Journal No. 770, Agenda item 3(a)**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY**

Mr. Chairperson,

With reference to the request made in the FSC meeting on 23 July 2014, for assistance to dispose of hazardous chemicals in Albania, I am happy to announce that Norway has decided to donate 93,000 euros to this OSCE project.

This donation is related to the OSCE Presence in Albania's extrabudgetary project (No. 2500286), also known as the hazardous chemicals disposal project. The project's objective, as you all know, is to give assistance to the Government of Albania in collecting, repackaging and destroying chemical waste from ammunition and weapons storage sites.

The intention of the donation is to fill the remaining financial gap in the current second phase of the project, which will secure complete funding in line with the project's budget.

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is looking at the possibility of making further donations to the subsequent phase of the chemicals disposal project.

I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

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FSC Journal No. 770, Agenda item 3(b)

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SLOVAKIA

Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Vienna Document 2011 and as a transparency measure, Slovakia would like to inform our partners about the multinational military exercise “Ground Pepper 2014”, which will take place from 11 to 23 October 2014 in two military training areas: Lešť and Kamenica nad Cirochou. Military troops from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and the United States of America will also participate in the exercise. The total number of participants will not exceed 1,300.

This information was also distributed via the OSCE Communications Network under the reference number: CBM/SK/13/0023/F25/O.

Mr. Chairperson,

Slovakia believes that full implementation in good faith of the Vienna Document 2011, as well as all other commitments related to arms control, is a *sine qua non* condition for achieving any tangible result in our shared effort to build a common and indivisible Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security community.

Mr. Chairperson,

I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.