

**Chairmanship: Romania****848th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Suspended: 1 p.m.

Resumed: 3 p.m.

Closed: 4.10 p.m.

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

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: MULTIDIMENSIONAL  
SECURITY OF THE BLACK SEA

– *Ambassador M. B. Christides, Secretary General of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Permanent International Secretariat*

– *Ambassador A. Coşkun, Director General for International Security Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, 2017 Chair of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea*

– *Ms. A. Inayeh, Director of the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation*

Chairperson, Ambassador M. B. Christides, Ambassador A. Coşkun, Ms. A. Inayeh, 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; as well as Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/55/17), Moldova, Azerbaijan (FSC.DEL/54/17 OSCE+), Ukraine (FSC.DEL/57/17), United States of America, Armenia, Georgia (FSC.DEL/59/17 OSCE+), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2:           GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a)    *Financial contributions to small arms and light weapons projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia:* Germany (Annex 1), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia (Annex 2), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary)
- (b)    *Invitation to a visit to German air and military bases, also with demonstrations of new pieces of equipment and systems, to take place from 29 May to 2 June 2017:* Germany (see annex 1)
- (c)    *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/58/17), 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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/56/17), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation (Annex 3)

Agenda item 3:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)    *Implementation meeting on the deactivation of small arms and light weapons, to be held on 30 March 2017 (SEC.GAL/8/17 OSCE+):* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b)    *Briefing on the military exercise “Joint Viking” conducted from 6 to 15 March 2017:* Norway, Russian Federation

4.    Next meeting:

Wednesday, 22 March 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY**

Mr. Chairperson,  
Excellencies,  
Esteemed colleagues,

I am pleased to announce today that Germany has decided to provide three projects with funds from the “OSCE SALW and SCA Repository Programme” for the safeguarding of ammunition storage sites and the destruction of dangerous ammunition.

Specifically, the funding concerns the following projects:

- 250,000 euros for the “Safety and Security Upgrade of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites Project (SAFE-UP)”;
- 100,000 euros for the “Capacity Development Programme for Small Arms and Light Weapons Demilitarization and Safe Storage for the Republic of Montenegro (MONDEM)”;
- 300,000 euros for the “Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia (CASM)”.

In Serbia, a substantial part of the CASM project should thus be completed.

We believe that by funding these projects, we will be able to make a significant contribution to safeguarding the environment in the respective participating States, and we should like to see other States join us in funding this important endeavour.

Mr. Chairperson,

Now allow me to refer to Germany’s hosting of an event in accordance with Chapter IV of the Vienna Document.

In accordance with an F22 notification dated 8 March 2017, we invite you to visit an air base (Chapter IV, paragraphs 19 to 29) and, secondly, a military facility (Chapter IV,

paragraphs 30.3 to 30.6), as well as to a demonstration of new types of major weapon and equipment systems (Chapter IV, paragraphs 31 to 35) from 29 May to 2 June 2017.

The event will take place at the “Steinhoff” Tactical Air Force Wing 73 in Laage, as well as at the International Helicopter Training Centre in Bückeburg.

In addition, the Puma armoured infantry fighting vehicle will be presented at the Bergen military training area.

Up to two visitors from each OSCE participating State, up to two visitors from each OSCE Asian Partner for Co-operation and OSCE Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation, and one representative each from the NATO Verification Coordinating Committee, the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and the RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation are invited.

Replies to the invitation should be received as soon as possible, but at the latest by 8 May 2017 in accordance with Annex IV, paragraph 2 to 2.3 of the Vienna Document 2011.

In connection with the visit to an air base, the visit to a military facility and the demonstration of major weapon and equipment systems planned between 29 May and 2 June 2017, Germany asks the participating States to take this into consideration during the planning of arms control exercises in Germany in accordance with the Vienna Document 2011.

Mr. Chairperson, I request that this statement be attached to the journal.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA**

Mr. Chairperson,

On behalf of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia, let me thank the delegation of Germany for its constant financial support to the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia (CASM).

The CASM Programme was established with the main objectives of reducing risks to communities through explosions by upgrading safety at ammunition storage sites and improving capacities for the safe demilitarization of surplus ammunition, and of reducing the risk of proliferation through the development of safe and secure conventional ammunition storage infrastructure and management systems in accordance with the internationally recognized standards and OSCE best practices.

Unfortunately, in the year when we expected to dispose of almost all stocks of obsolete ammunition, two weeks ago we were faced with a tragic incident at the technical overhaul facility TRZ Kragujevac in which an explosion during the delaboration process killed four people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again, Mr. Chairperson, and all OSCE participating States which have expressed deep sympathy and condolences on the tragic accident at TRZ Kragujevac and immediately offered assistance and technical support to overcome the consequences.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Republic of Serbia supports the OSCE's efforts on giving practical assistance in addressing security risks and safety factors related to surplus and stockpiles of SALW and conventional ammunition, explosive materials and detonating devices in the OSCE area.

In order to support the implementation of the Declaration on OSCE Assistance Projects in the Field of Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition adopted at the Hamburg meeting of the Ministerial Council, I would like to announce that during the Serbian FSC Chairmanship we intend to organize a meeting to review implementation of OSCE assistance projects in this same field.

In conclusion, I would like to once again thank the distinguished delegation of Germany for their contribution and reaffirm the readiness of Serbia to further co-operate with our OSCE partners on this particular matter in a spirit of openness and transparency.

I thank you for your attention and kindly ask that this statement be attached to 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.