

Turkish Chairmanship

357th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2002

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Closed: 11.50 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. Ö. Orhun

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS
 - (a) *Model Answer for the 2001 OSCE Information Exchange on Small Arms and Light Weapons:* Chairperson (Annex), Switzerland
 - (b) *Food-for-thought paper: "Improvement of procedures of the FSC with a view to strengthening the implementation of existing commitments":* Chairperson
 - (c) *Expert Meeting on Combating Terrorism within the Politico-Military Dimension of the OSCE:* Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/290/02 Restr.), Spain-European Union, Switzerland, Chairperson
Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE
 - (a) *Presentation by Mr. T. Ries, National Defence College of Finland:* Chairperson, Mr. Ries (FSC.DEL/287/02), Yugoslavia, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Russian Federation, Portugal, Switzerland, Spain-European Union
 - (b) *Spanish defence planning document:* Spain (FSC.DEL/293/02 Restr.), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Update concerning the regional clearing house for SALW in Belgrade:* Yugoslavia (FSC.DEL/296/02), Sweden, United Kingdom, Germany, France, United States of America, Netherlands, Chairperson, Switzerland, Belarus
- (b) *Adoption of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea, in Kiev on 25 April 2002:* Ukraine (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation and Turkey), Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/291/02 Restr.), Switzerland, Spain-European Union, Belarus
- (c) *Spanish ratification of the United Nations Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, on 2 March 2002:* Spain
- (d) *Armed services training plan with northwest operative command, from 27 May to 2 June 2002:* Belarus (FSC.DEL/288/02), Chairperson
- (e) *Draft decision concerning the Overview of the Information Exchange on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security:* Chairperson, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Finland
- (f) *Draft decision concerning the provision of the Small Arms and Light Weapons Overview and the Model Answer to the United Nations:* Chairperson
- (g) *Organizational matters:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 5 June 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION ON BEHALF OF THE
FSC TROIKA MEMBERS ON MODEL ANSWER FOR THE
2001 OSCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON SALW**

In accordance with the conclusions of the Workshop on Implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), conducted in Vienna on 4-5 February 2002 (FSC.GAL/21/02), the Conflict Prevention Center (CPC) has prepared a Model Answer for the 2001 Information Exchange stipulated by the SALW document (FSC.GAL/39/02).

The purpose of the Model Answer is to provide a basis for those participating States that are still to submit their 2001 SALW Information Exchange returns, as well as a reference model for all participating States to compare with their 2001 submissions with a view to updating these submissions if necessary or appropriate. The full utilization of the Model Answer will facilitate reaching higher standards in the implementation of the SALW document, enhance the comparability of national submissions and lay the ground for future work of the FSC in the SALW field, especially in preparing best practice guides.

The FSC Troika would therefore like to call on those participating States which have not yet contributed to the 2001 SALW Information Exchange to do so as early as possible by making use of the Model Answer prepared by the CPC. The FSC Troika wishes to confirm that the CPC stands ready to offer any further technical assistance that participating States concerned may require in this context.

The FSC Troika would also like to encourage all participating States to give due consideration to the Model Answer in order to identify those areas in their 2001 returns that may need to be clarified, complemented or enriched according to the structure and level of detail indicated in the Model Answer.