

Chairmanship: Malta

748th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 12 March 2014

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.45 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Azzopardi

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 2/14 (FSC.DEC/2/14) on the agenda, timetable and modalities for the third Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Situation in Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/48/14 OSCE+), Hungary, Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/47/14), United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Turkey (FSC.DEL/44/14), Germany, United States of America, France, Canada, Romania

- (b) *Report on the twenty-fourth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting by the Chairperson of the closing session (Greece):* Greece (FSC.DEL/42/14 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (c) *Creation of a tri-national verification agency under one unified command and at one single location by Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands:* Netherlands (also on behalf of Belgium and Luxembourg) (Annex 1)
- (d) *Transfer and disposal of the last part of mélange in the framework of a joint Ukraine-OSCE international project on 6 March 2014:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/46/14 OSCE+), Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Russian Federation

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council (FSC.DEL/39/14/Rev.1 OSCE+) and FSC contribution to the annotated agenda of the 2014 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/38/14/Rev.1 OSCE+):* Chairperson

The Forum for Security Co-operation agreed to forward the letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council, as well as the FSC contribution to the annotated agenda of the 2014 Annual Security Review Conference.

- (b) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons, to be held on 13 March 2014 (FSC.GAL/27/14 Restr.):* Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Spain)
- (c) *Power breakfast on “Peace with a Gender Perspective: The Swedish Approach”, held on 6 March 2014:* Sweden (Annex 2), Finland (also on behalf of Austria and Turkey) (FSC.DEL/45/14)
- (d) *Postponement of the Security Day event on “The Way Forward in the Politico-Military Dimension – The Role and Relevance of OSCE Instruments of Co-operative Security”, originally scheduled for 14 March 2014:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 19 March 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG)**

On 18 April 2012, the Ministers of Defence of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg signed the Benelux Declaration on co-operation in the area of defence.

One of the outcomes of this declaration is the creation of a tri-national verification agency, materialized by the signing this 26 February of a memorandum of understanding regarding extended co-operation in the field of arms control and of confidence- and security-building measures in the realm of the conventional armed forces in Europe treaty, the Vienna Document 2011, the Open Skies treaty and other existing or future arms control related documents and treaties.

The aim of the memorandum of understanding is to improve organizational and operational effectiveness and efficiency. Aiming at operational risk reduction, the participating States (as below) will centralize all assets and activities in the arms control and confidence- and security-building measures realm. Please note that every participating State remains solely responsible for the fulfillment of its rights and obligations pursuant to the relevant treaties and documents.

As a result, the Belgian Verification Agency (BEVA), the Netherlands Defence Arms Control Agency (NL DACA) and the Luxembourg *Groupe des Inspections, Vérifications et Observations* (LU GIVO) have been merged into a single tri-national agency under one unified command at one single location. This agency is to be referred to as the “Benelux Arms Control Agency” (BACA). BACA is located at the Major Housiau barracks in Peutie (Belgium) and has started its operations from the day of signature of the memorandum of understanding.

A detailed briefing about the Benelux Arms Control Agency has been provided during the 2013 Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres on 10 December 2013.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWEDEN

Last week the OSCE Gender Unit chaired a power breakfast with Dr. Louise Olsson from the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Stockholm, under the headline: Peace with a Gender Perspective: The Swedish Approach

Dr. Olsson stated, that women's participation, and inclusion of their security concerns, and their access to justice in its contribution to peace, is crucial.

Research and lessons learned show, that the inclusion of both women and men in the work for peace, contribute to succeeding with both short term and long term security objectives.

To work with assisting, in the creation of a peace that benefits both men and women, is high on the international agenda today. Member States – such as Sweden – have followed and supported this international development. We have also wrestled with what it means for an individual State to try to realize our mutual agreements in this area in our daily work.

Swedish work has been – and continues to be – broad. Allow me to give two examples:

1. We have worked to increase key leader engagement. Leadership is central for the capacity of an organization to include both women's and men's perspectives. Increasing leadership engagement has, for example, been done through the so called gender coach programme. This programme provides the highest leadership of Swedish State agencies with a coach for one year. This coach is a specialist on gender in the area in which the leader works – thereby providing the leader with the most relevant information for his or her specific responsibilities.
2. We have tried to formulate clearer and more reachable objectives, directly related to the core mandate tasks of State actors, and to structure reporting templates to follow up on progress. These efforts are made to strengthen the inclusion of women's perspectives and their situation in our core work. This means to move it up on the agenda by placing gender under the main decision points.



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**DECISION No. 2/14
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE THIRD
ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY
ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling FSC Decision No. 12/11 on an annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Recalling the importance of the Code of Conduct and taking into account the provision of paragraph 38 of the Code of Conduct stating that appropriate bodies, mechanisms and procedures will be used to assess, review and improve if necessary the implementation of the Code of Conduct,

Taking into account the deliberations of the first and second Annual Discussions on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct held in 2012 and 2013,

Decides to organize the third Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct, which is to take place on 9 July 2014 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annex to this decision.

ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Wednesday, 9 July 2014

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| 10–10.30 a.m. | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Opening and introduction by the FSC Chairperson– Remarks by the OSCE Secretariat representative– General statements |
| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Working session 1: Sharing of views on the implementation of the Code of Conduct in the context of the existing political and military situation <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by session moderator– Keynote speakers– Discussion– Moderator's closing remarks |
| 3–4.45 p.m. | Working session 2: Evaluation discussion on the implementation and effectiveness of the Code of Conduct including the 2014 annual exchange of information pursuant to the Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by session moderator– Keynote speaker– Discussion– Moderator's closing remarks |
| 4.45–5 p.m. | Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Discussion– Concluding remarks– Closure |

II. Organizational modalities

Background

In FSC Decision No. 12/11 it was decided, *inter alia*, to “regularize a focused discussion on implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security by devoting an annual special one-day meeting to the Code of Conduct” and to “invite, as appropriate, representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes to a morning session of this meeting to share views on implementation, while the following evaluation discussion of the afternoon session of the meeting is to be restricted to participating States.”

The third Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will therefore provide opportunities to discuss how to promote and improve the implementation of the Code of Conduct, including its annual information exchange, and to undertake an evaluation discussion and examine the application of the Code of Conduct in the context of the existing political and military situation. In addition it will serve to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Code of Conduct.

Organization

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will take place on 9 July 2014 in Vienna.

The OSCE Rules of Procedure and standard working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct.

A representative of the FSC Chairmanship (Moldova) will chair the opening and closing sessions. Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur.

Simultaneous interpretation between all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at all sessions.

The FSC Chair will provide a report on the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct within one month, including a survey of suggestions and recommendations made during the meeting.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to ensure that they are represented at policy and expert level at the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

The OSCE Secretariat, the ODIHR, field operations, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

Only the morning session will be open for the invited representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes.

General guidelines for participants

In accordance with FSC Decision No. 12/11, a report on the implementation of the Code of Conduct prepared by the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE Secretariat will be made available to participating States not later than 2 July 2014.

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will be conducted in four sessions.

The working sessions will concentrate on major topics, which will be introduced by keynote speakers. The introductions shall be followed by discussions of any number of relevant subtopics that delegates may wish to raise. The aim is an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. In order to ensure the most productive discussion when the participating States are considering suggestions made during the meeting, the recommended approach is for delegations to bring forward suggestions or topics of interest by means of food-for-thought papers. Discussions on initial papers could lead to further work in the FSC.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The introductions given by the keynote speakers should set the scene for the discussion in the sessions and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities. The keynote speakers' contributions should set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions. The available speaking time is approximately 15 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session they are speaking at and be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the opening and working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' reports should deal with issues raised during the respective sessions; they should cover lessons learned, best practices, challenges, improvements, and suggestions made at the session, and any other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines on the timing of submitting and distributing written contributions

Participating States and other participants of the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions by 2 July 2014.