



**Chairmanship: Bulgaria**

**483rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 24 May 2006

Opened: 11.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. P. Poptchev  
Mr. G. Georgiev

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Small arms and light weapons projects in Belarus:* Spain (Annex 1), Belarus, United Kingdom

(b) *Information Exchange on the Code of Conduct:* Moldova (Annex 2), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR LAMBERTO ZANNIER ON HIS CONSULTATIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK

Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/81/06 OSCE+),  
Chairperson, Russian Federation, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agenda item 3: SECURITY DIALOGUE

(a) *Presentation by Mr. I. Vikki, Head of the OSCE Centre in Almaty, on the activities of the Centre in the area of the politico-military dimension:* Head of the OSCE Centre in Almaty, Chairperson, Kazakhstan, Sweden

- (b) *Presentation by the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe on the implementation of Phase II of the Small Arms and Light Weapons and Conventional Ammunition Programme for Tajikistan:* OSCE Centre in Dushanbe, Chairperson, France, United States of America, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Finland, Sweden, Co-ordinator for Small Arms and Light Weapons (Sweden), Tajikistan, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON A LIST OF POLITICO-MILITARY ELEMENTS FOR THE 2006 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

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 on a list of politico-military elements for the 2006 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) (FSC.DEL/181/06/Rev.1 OSCE+).

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 7 June 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN**

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to make a statement about Belarus's request for assistance under the Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW).

I remind delegations that on 5 October 2005 my Ambassador made a brief statement (FSC.DEL/470/05 of 6 October 2005) in which he announced the start of the procedure for the allocation by Spain of resources to help implement this project, continuing the work undertaken earlier by experts from Spain, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) on the elaboration of a project to improve the management and security of SALW storage in Belarus.

Today I am pleased to announce that at the Council of Ministers on 19 May the Government of Spain approved a voluntary contribution of €100,000 to this project in Belarus to be provided through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) subject to approval of the Memorandum of Understanding being negotiated between the OSCE and UNDP and an assurance that a minimum amount of €500,000 will be available to enable the project to be effectively managed.

We hope that the amount of €500,000 will be attained soon.

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

Thank you.



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**483rd Plenary Meeting**

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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA**

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to draw the attention of the participating States to the Forum for Security and Co-operation to the Information Exchange on the Code of Conduct presented by the Russian Federation on the 2 May 2006. In this respect, we would like to recall to the distinguished delegations in this Forum the clarifications provided by the Moldovan delegation regarding the information distributed by the Russian Federation on the point of the Questionnaire — Deployment of the military forces on the territory of another participating state in accordance with freely negotiated agreements as well as in accordance with international law. The Statements of Moldovan delegation at the FSC Meeting on 24 November 2004 (Attachment 1), at the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting on 9 March 2005 (Attachment 2) and at the FSC Meeting on 11 May 2005 (Attachment 3), provided very clear assessment of the Moldovan authorities on the lack of relevance of the documents listed by the Russian Federation as the legal basis for their illegal military presence on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

We realized, with deep regret, that the Information Exchange on the Code of Conduct provided by the Russian Federation on the 2 May 2006 failed once again, for obvious reasons, to provide any adequate answer and continue to resort on the proliferation of confusion and misleading.

Mr. Chairperson,

In the context of the forthcoming CFE Review Conference, we cannot but reiterate that the Russian military presence on the Moldovan territory is contrary to the will of the Moldovan authorities and contravene to the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova (Article 11). The principle of the agreement of the host country for stationing of the foreign forces, stipulated by the CFE Treaty (Article IV, paragraph 5) continue to be violated by the Russian Federation. We call once again on the Russian Federation to resume and complete the withdrawal of its troops and ammunitions accordingly with the OSCE Istanbul Summit, 1999, commitments.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

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Attachment 1

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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA**

24 November 2004

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

After a careful examination of the Exchange of Information on the Code of Conduct provided by the participating States, I would like to draw the attention of the Forum to the same elements of the information distributed by the Russian Federation.

In the point 3 of the Questionnaire — Deployment of the military forces on the territory of another participating state in accordance with freely negotiated agreements as well as in accordance with international law, the Russian Federation has listed the Agreement on the co-operation in the protection of information signed on the 10 July 2001 between the Federal Agency on Governmental Communication and Information and the Service for Information and Security of the Republic of Moldova, as the legal basis for the Russian military presence on the territory of the Republic of Moldova and this is the only agreement presented in this context.

According to our experts this document creates a framework of co-operation in a quite different field and could not be considered in any case as a justification for the Russian military presence in the Republic of Moldova. In this respect, this delegation would appreciate some clarifications on this issue on behalf of our Russian colleagues.

Thank you.

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Annex 2

Attachment 2

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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA**

9 March 2005

### **Working Session 2: Operation and Implementation of other FSC-agreed measures/documents: clarification, assessment and conclusions — Code of Conduct**

Mr. Co-ordinator,

Last year, on 24 November, this delegation at the meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation drew the attention of the participating States to certain elements of the Exchange of Information on the Code of Conduct distributed by the Russian Federation.

In the point 3 of the Questionnaire — Deployment of the military forces on the territory of another participating state in accordance with freely negotiated agreements as well as in accordance with international law, the Russian Federation has listed the Agreement on the Co-operation in the Protection of Information signed on the 10 July 2001 between the Russian Federal Agency on Governmental Communication and Information and the Service for Information and Security of the Republic of Moldova, as the legal basis for the Russian military presence on the territory of the Republic of Moldova and this is the only agreement presented in this context.

According to our experts this agreement creates a framework of co-operation in a completely different field and could not be considered in any case as a justification for the Russian military presence in the Republic of Moldova. In this respect, at that time, our delegation requested relevant clarifications. After more that three months we are still waiting for an answer.

Mr. Chairperson, let me reiterate, using also this opportunity, that the presence of the Russian troops in Moldova is against the will of the State and defies the general recognized international norms and principles, being qualified by the Moldovan authorities as an illegal presence of the foreign military forces on our territory.

Thank you.

## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA**

11 May 2005

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to inform the Forum that our experts in the capital continue to examine the Information Exchange on the Code of Conduct recently presented by the participating States, but certain conclusions could be already done. In this respect, I would like to draw the attention of the distinguished delegates to the information distributed by the Russian Federation. As you may recall, last year, our delegation requested relevant clarifications on the point 3 of the Questionnaire — Deployment of the military forces on the territory of another participating state in accordance with freely negotiated agreements as well as in accordance with international law. At that time, the Russian Federation had listed the Russian-Moldovan Agreement on the Co-operation in the Protection of Information as the legal basis for the Russian military presence on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

Examining the current Exchange of Information, we have noticed that the Russian Federation introduced certain modifications in comparison with the previous Information — the above-mentioned agreement has been excluded and substituted with other three documents:

- Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova on the principles of the peaceful settlement of the conflict in the transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova (21 July 1992);
- Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova on the legal status, order and time of withdrawal of the military units of the Russian Federation temporarily deployed on the territory of the Republic of Moldova (21 October 1994);
- Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova on the issues of jurisdiction and mutual legal assistance in the problems connected with military units of the Russian Federation temporarily deployed on the territory of the Republic of Moldova (21 October 1994).

Mr. Chairperson,

We realized with regret that the Russian Federation failed again, for obvious reasons, to provide any adequate answer. I would like to state with full responsibility — the Republic of Moldova does not consider any of the above documents as the legal basis for the Russian

military presence on its territory. The 1992 Agreement foresees actions for earliest and complete cease-fire, including through the deployment of a military contingent in the Security Zone and does not provide in any case for the status of the Russian forces. The other two Agreements, as it is correctly mentioned in the Exchange of Information, have not entered into force and thus, have no legal effect on the foreign military presence in Moldova. We hope this argument is obvious and logical for all delegations.

Mr. Chairperson, let me reiterate, using also this opportunity, that the presence of the Russian troops in Moldova is against the will of the state and defies the generally recognized international norms and principles and is qualified by the Moldovan authorities as an illegal presence of the foreign military forces on our territory. We expect the full and unconditional withdrawal of the Russian forces from Moldova in compliance with the relevant Istanbul decisions.

Thank you.