

Chairmanship: Poland

826th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 20 July 2016

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. M. Kuziński

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the FSC, extended condolences to the families of the victims of the recent events in France and Turkey.

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN
CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Presentation by Ms. J. Anelay, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom: Chairperson, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom, Slovakia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/154/16), Slovenia (Annex 1), Canada, Croatia, United States of America, Russian Federation, FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Italy)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex 2) (FSC.DEL/152/16), Slovakia-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino

and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/155/16), Canada, United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 3)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Announcement of co-sponsoring of food-for-thought papers and proposals for Vienna Document Plus draft decisions regarding Chapter IV, Contacts, on pooling and improving the co-ordination of contact measures (FSC.DEL/34/16/Rev.1 OSCE+) and on reporting on measures in accordance with the Vienna Document (FSC.DEL/35/16/Rev.1 OSCE+): Montenegro, Italy, Albania, Ukraine, Lithuania, Cyprus, Germany

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 27 July 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SLOVENIA

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to welcome the Minister of State and the Prime Minister's Special Representative, The Right Honourable Baroness Anelay, to today's FSC meeting. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank her for moderating the panel on ending sexual violence in conflict at last year's Bled Strategic Forum in Slovenia.

My country fully subscribes to the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union. In addition, I would like to make a few remarks in my capacity as the new Chairperson of the OSCE MenEngage Network. I agree with Baroness Anelay that promoting women's participation in conflict resolution and in political life more broadly is the right course of action for society at large. In fact, in Slovenia we have been able to observe in practice, especially with the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan, that increasing the number of women in crisis management processes and peacekeeping missions leads to a better quality of mediation. We have also witnessed the important contribution that women make to our defence system as a whole. Throughout the past decade, the percentage of female members of the Slovenian armed forces has remained between 15 and 16 per cent, making Slovenia's one of the top-ranking militaries in terms of female representation in its ranks. I am also happy to report that, as of last year, the Slovenian Ministry of Defence is once again headed by a woman.

I share the view of the Baroness that UNSCR 1325 issues should feature prominently in all OSCE decision-making and that there needs to be a focus on an exchange of best practices to help promote their implementation. I would therefore like to inform you that I intend to invite to Vienna the Senior Officer for Equal Opportunities from our General Staff with a view to raising awareness of the importance of gender mainstreaming in the security sector. She is not only active within the Slovenian armed forces, but also in our region. Last year, for example, she carried out training on gender equality for the leading representatives of the Montenegrin Ministry of Defence and the army of Montenegro. Her experiences should therefore be of interest for all of us.

Before concluding, I would like to underline the importance that my authorities attach to integrating the gender perspective into all OSCE dimensions, and to reiterate Slovenia's support for the development of an OSCE-Wide Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. In this connection, let me point out that promoting the role of women in conflict resolution

and strengthening efforts aimed at their protection in conflict situations is one of the goals of the new Slovenian National Programme on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men for the period 2015–2020.

Finally, I would like to commend the Polish FSC Chairmanship for convening this Security Dialogue, which represents an important contribution to the efforts to integrate a gender perspective into the OSCE's politico-military dimension.

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with today's statement by the Russian delegation on the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (ARC), the delegation of Ukraine wishes to emphasize the following.

International law prohibits the acquisition of part or all of another State's territory through coercion or force. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which remains an integral part of Ukraine, was illegally occupied by military force and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. Illegitimate actions on the part of the Russian Federation do not have any legal consequences with regard to the status of the ARC as an integral part of Ukraine. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders is safeguarded by international law and UN General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, "Territorial integrity of Ukraine".

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the illegal occupation and annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be registered in 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.