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1. <u>Date</u>: Wednesday, 28 May 2014

Opened: 10.05 a.m. Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ambassador A. Popov

3. <u>Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentations on small arms and light weapons (SALW):

- "Fighting the illicit trafficking of SALW" by Mr. S. Morimoto, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement, United States Department of State;
- "Regional efforts to combat the threat posed by SALW in South East Europe" by Mr. I. Zverzhanovski, Coordinator of the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC)

Chairperson, Mr. S. Morimoto (FSC.DEL/92/14 OSCE+), Mr. I. Zverzhanovski, Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/95/14/Corr.1), Russian Federation, United States of America, Belarus, Armenia, Serbia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Spain), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) Situation in Ukraine: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/96/14), United Kingdom (Annex), 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/94/14), United States of America, Russian Federation, Canada, Germany
- (b) Voluntary report on national implementation measures in support of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security: Turkey, Chairperson
- (c) Signing of a memorandum of understanding between Bulgaria and the OSCE on a project to eliminate the surplus of rocket fuel stockpiles in the Bulgarian army: Bulgaria (FSC.DEL/93/14 Restr.)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider Implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (BMS5), to be held in New York from 16 to 20 June 2014: Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Spain), Chairperson
- (c) Result of the Vienna City Marathon charity event, held on 13 April 2014, in which military advisers of delegations of OSCE participating States took part: Finland

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Wednesday, 4 June 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to draw your attention to the successful completion of a UK-led mission to Ukraine during the period from 12 to 19 May, under Chapter X of the Vienna Document 2011, with modalities in accordance with Chapter IX. The UK-led team, with guest inspectors from Sweden, Finland and the United States, visited Ukraine in order to increase military transparency and thereby build confidence and security. During the course of the activity, the team visited a total of eleven locations and military units within the agreed specified area, covering some 2,800 km by road.

The request was transmitted by format F101 to Ukraine and all the OSCE participating States on 9 May 2014. Ukraine accepted the request by format F102 on 9 May 2014. This bilateral activity was conducted in a positive and friendly atmosphere. The United Kingdom considers that the activity fully met the requirements and objectives of a visit pursuant to Chapter X of the Vienna Document 2011. Moreover, the level of transparency demonstrated by Ukraine was exemplary, in both the letter and the spirit of the Vienna Document 2011. In difficult circumstances, the professionalism and flexibility shown by the escort team contributed greatly to the success of this activity. The report was distributed through the Communications Network on 23 May 2014, under reference number CBM/GB/14/0020/F103/O.

This activity shows how the Vienna Document can be applied by participating States to use meaningful military transparency as a means to build confidence and trust, particularly in times of increased tension. We call upon all the participating States, particularly the Russian Federation in the context of the developing crisis, to show the same level of co-operation, including by maximizing the necessary political will.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.