
Chairmanship: Mongolia**776th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Tuesday, 20 January 2015

Opened: 11 a.m.
Suspended: 12.40 p.m.
Resumed: 2.35 p.m.
Closed: 3.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador G. Batjargal
Mr. P. Gansukh

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

Agenda item 1: OPENING STATEMENT OF THE MONGOLIAN FSC
CHAIRMANSHIP BY H.E. LUNDEG PUREVSUREN,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MONGOLIA

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (FSC.DEL/1/15/Rev.1 OSCE+), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/4/15), Turkey, Monaco, Serbia, Belarus (FSC.DEL/7/15 OSCE+), Azerbaijan, Montenegro, Romania, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, France, United States of America, Switzerland (Annex), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (FSC.DEL/3/15 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Ukraine (FSC.DEL/6/15)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine, Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country 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/5/15), United States of America, Russian Federation, Georgia, Canada

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matters of protocol: Slovakia, United States of America, Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Serbia, Luxembourg

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 28 January 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

H.E. Mr. Lundeg Purevsuren, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia,
Dear Chairperson of the FSC,
Excellencies and distinguished colleagues,

The Swiss delegation joins those who warmly welcome H.E. Mr. Lundeg Purevsuren, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, to today's Forum for Security Co-operation. Your presence, Mr. Purevsuren, honours us and our work and underlines the importance of the FSC. We also warmly welcome Mongolia to the FSC Chair and assure its representatives of our full support.

Switzerland takes this opportunity to thank the Principality of Monaco for their excellent Chairmanship of the FSC during the past months and in particular during the Basel Ministerial Council.

Switzerland fully shares the view that the crisis in Ukraine will to a large extent continue to influence the work of the OSCE in general and of the FSC in particular. Switzerland is convinced that this crisis cannot be solved by military means. All signatory parties to the Minsk Documents are urged to respect their obligations. It is not only the respecting of the ceasefire and the withdrawal of heavy weapons and military material followed by provision of humanitarian aid to the local population that are urgent, but also the launching of a political process involving the local population in the Donbas area in discussing, amongst other things, the question of decentralization. We should also focus on economic reconstruction as a means of promoting a stable and secure Ukraine. We trust that the Special Monitoring Mission will no longer be prevented from carrying out its important work by attacks from either side.

But the crisis in Ukraine is not our only present concern: as the recent brutal attacks in Paris made painfully clear, the general threat of terrorism is also amongst the most significant issues we have to deal with today. Returning foreign fighters play a major role in this threat and require our full attention. Switzerland invites the participating States to implement both declarations taken in Basel and make best use of the platforms provided by the Security Committee and upcoming conferences.

As past OSCE Chair, Switzerland calls for consolidation and co-ordination of the FSC's work with the PC.

As President Didier Burkhalter stated at the 10th ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Summit last year, Switzerland, as the 2015 Chair of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation, stands ready to give Mongolia full support in improving and enhancing dialogue and co-operation in the Central Asian region and with the Asian Partners for Co-operation.

Switzerland congratulates the Mongolian FSC Chair on its well-balanced and relevant list of priorities for the upcoming months.

On the subject of the FSC toolbox, we must find ways to update and modernize the Vienna Document of 2011 in line with current political and military realities.

Switzerland will continue to support and contribute to the projects on SALW and SCA, which are important tools for increasing security and stability in the OSCE area.

We wholeheartedly agree that the OSCE must continue the regional implementation of UN resolutions, in particular UNSCR 1325 and UNSCR 1540.

We are supporting the Mongolian Chair by preparing an FSC contribution to the Helsinki+40 process. Conventional arms control and CSBMs are indeed pillars of the OSCE comprehensive approach to security and stability and as such should be duly reflected in the Helsinki+40 process.

The promotion and the implementation of the Code of Conduct is one of our national priorities. For this reason, Switzerland is much looking forward to the regional seminar on the Code being held in Ulaanbaatar in March, and assures Mongolia of its full support for this important event.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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