

Chairmanship: Lithuania

716th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 8 May 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.40 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador G. Čekuolis

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on implementing UNSCR 1325 and lessons learned by the United States' Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI), given by Mr. M. Larmas Smith, Program Director, GPOI, for the US Department of State: Chairperson, Mr. M. Larmas Smith (FSC.DEL/69/13 OSCE+), FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Turkey) (FSC.DEL/72/13 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/71/13), United States of America, United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Austria, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Croatia

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Financial contribution to the project "Enhancing National Humanitarian Demining Capacities" of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan: Luxembourg (Annex 1), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), Chairperson*

(b) *Reply by the Russian Federation to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security: Moldova (Annex 2), Russian Federation*

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE SECOND 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. 3/13 (FSC.DEC/3/13) on the agenda, timetable and modalities for the second 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 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Letter from the Chairperson of the FSC to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council (PC) on the FSC contribution (FSC.DEL/42/13/Rev.2) to the PC draft decision on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2013 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) (FSC.DEL/63/13/Rev.1):* Chairperson

The FSC agreed to forward the letter from the Chairperson of the FSC on the FSC contribution to the PC draft decision on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2013 ASRC to the Chairperson of the PC.

- (b) *Donors' visit to Moldova from 10 to 14 June 2013:* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary) (FSC.DEL/73/13 OSCE+), Chairperson, Moldova
- (c) *Matters of protocol:* Poland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Germany
- (d) *Second Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, to be held in Vienna on 10 July 2013:* FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Germany), Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) *Joint inspection visit by Germany and Spain to Tajikistan in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Document 2011, to be held in the second half of 2013:* Germany
- (f) *Meeting between the Wassenaar Arrangement and the Conflict Prevention Centre, held on 2 May 2013:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, United States of America
- (g) *Report on the sixtieth meeting of the OSCE Communications Group and on the Global Exchange of Military Information:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

- (h) *Briefing on the outcome of the 2013 Vienna City marathon charity event on 14 April 2013, in which military advisers of delegations of OSCE participating States took part: Luxembourg*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 15 May 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF LUXEMBOURG

In 2012, the OSCE Office in Tajikistan provided an extensive briefing about the humanitarian demining capacities required in Central Asia. Luxembourg will contribute 20,000 euros to the project “Enhancing National Humanitarian Demining Capacities” of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan in order in order to help to stabilize the region around Afghanistan, which is one of the partner countries of the OSCE.

The OSCE Office in Tajikistan will come back to the FSC this autumn in order to ask for support from additional donors. Luxembourg believes that the results achieved so far are impressive and we encourage all participating States to contribute to this project.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA

Mr. Chairperson,

We would like to bring to the attention of the participating States the information presented by the Russian Federation under the reference FSC.EMI/94/13 on 18 April 2013 in response to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security on an issue relevant to Republic of Moldova.

In the Russian entry on point 2.1 of the Questionnaire related to the deployment of military forces on the territory of other participating States in accordance with freely negotiated agreements as well as in accordance with international law, there is a reference to the agreement of 21 July 1992 on the principles of the peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.

Although we have on numerous occasions during previews of OSCE and FSC events given the participating States information on the Moldovan position regarding this particular matter, most recently at the 2013 Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, we would like to reiterate our point of clarification. The primary goal of the above-mentioned agreement was to halt the military hostilities in the conflict area and to establish the security zone. The 1992 agreement does not reflect in any manner on the status or the conditions of stationing of the Russian forces, nor, in particular, on the stockpiles of ammunition in Cobasna or the so-called Operative Group of Russian Forces deployed outside of the security zone. Moreover, the 1992 agreement clearly stipulates that the status of the former 14th Army, later transformed into the “Operational Group of Russian Forces”, shall be defined through separate negotiations. To this date there has been no valid agreement stipulating the status of those forces. In this connection, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, which provides for the neutrality of Moldova, as well to the relevant international commitments and to principles of international law, particularly the requirement of host nation consent for the stationing of foreign forces, we reiterate our call for the completion of the withdrawal of the Russian military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

Mr. Chairperson, I request that this statement be appended to the journal of the day.



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**DECISION No. 3/13
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE SECOND
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 Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct held in 2012,

Decides to organize the second Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct, which is to take place on 10 July 2013 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, 10 July 2013

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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 Secretary General– 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 2013 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 second 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.

Organization

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will take place on 10 July 2013 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 (Lithuania) 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 3 July 2013.

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 15–20 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 session, 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 3 July 2013.