

Chairmanship: Netherlands

811th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 10 February 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 11.10 a.m.
Resumed: 11.15 a.m.
Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador D. Kopmels

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: ARMS TRANSFER AND ARMS TRANSFER CONTROLS REPORTING INSTRUMENTS – OSCE STUDY PRESENTATION

Presentation by Mr. M. Bromley, Co-Programme Director, Dual-Use and Arms Trade Control Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI): Chairperson, Mr. M. Bromley (FSC.NGO/1/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-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/27/16/Rev.1), Belgium (Annex 1), Ukraine (FSC.DEL/29/16), Azerbaijan (FSC.DEL/31/16 OSCE+), Belarus, Russian Federation, Armenia (FSC.DEL/32/16), Canada, Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Slovenia)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex 2) (FSC.DEL/30/16), Netherlands-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/28/16/Rev.1), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 3)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar, to be held on 16 and 17 February 2016: Chairperson, United States of America, Turkey*
- (b) *Twenty-sixth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, to be held on 1 and 2 March 2016: Chairperson*
- (c) *Proposed dates for the 2016 Annual Security Review Conference: Chairperson, Chef de file of the FSC for the 2016 Annual Security Review Conference (Austria), Russian Federation*
- (d) *Agreed dates for the Global Exchange of Military Information and the annual exchange of military information: Chairperson*

The FSC agreed on Thursday, 28 April 2016, as the date for the 2016 Global Exchange of Military Information and on Thursday, 15 December 2016, for the 2016 annual exchange of military information.

- (e) *Organizational modalities: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 23 February 2016, at 11 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BELGIUM

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

My country aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union. Let me add some words in my national capacity.

My delegation welcomes Mr. Bromley's proposal on making submissions to the OSCE reporting instruments public.

I would like to remind delegations that Belgium circulated a food-for-thought paper and a proposal for a draft decision on this issue last July.

In our food-for-thought paper, we identified the following advantages of making public information exchanges in the fields of small arms and light weapons, conventional arms transfers and anti-personnel mines:

- Promotion of the OSCE's achievements and those of its participating States to a wider audience;
- Improvement to our information exchanges – their importance, added value and usefulness;
- Facilitation of external qualitative analysis, thereby generating additional feedback to participating States;
- Increased motivation for participating States to improve the quality of their information exchanges; and
- Increased levels of transparency and confidence- and security-building.

Our proposal for a draft decision suggests making public five out of the nine information exchanges for all participating States and making public the other four information exchanges only upon request of the participating State concerned.

My delegation will continue to work on this proposal with the aim of reaching consensus as soon as possible.

We would be grateful, Madam Chairperson, for this statement to be attached to the journal of our meeting.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Madam 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, Madam Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Dear Madam 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, Madam Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.