



Chairmanship: Hungary

616th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 7 July 2010

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 10.30 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador Gy. Molnár

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *First session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, to be held in New York from 12 to 23 July 2010:* Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (Annex)

(b) *Update on the OSCE-UNDP small arms project in Belarus:* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons (United Kingdom) (FSC.DEL/67/10 OSCE+), Belarus

(c) *Report by the Chairperson of the Joint Consultative Group (JCG) to the FSC:* Chairperson of the JCG (Norway), Austria, Sweden

(d) *Recent developments in the manning system of the Swedish armed forces:* Sweden (FSC.DEL/68/10 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

None

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON HOLDING A HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY
 DOCTRINE SEMINAR

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 5/10 (FSC.DEC/5/10) on holding a high-level military doctrine seminar, the text of which is appended to this journal.

France, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Organizational matters: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 14 July 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION IN VIEW OF THE
FIRST UNITED NATIONS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON THE ARMS TRADE TREATY**

Mr. Chairperson,

The European Union firmly supports the negotiation of an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), a legally binding international instrument establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional weapons. Such an international instrument will certainly contribute to reinforce international peace and security.

The EU welcomed the adoption by the UN General Assembly, with the support of all EU Member States, of resolution 64/48 on the Arms Trade Treaty. The resolution mandates five meetings of a Preparatory Committee leading to a UN negotiating conference in 2012 on the Arms Trade Treaty.

During the last Open Ended Working Group on ATT in July 2009, UN Member States agreed that the problems relating to the unregulated trade in conventional weapons need to be addressed. The first Preparatory Committee meeting on ATT from 12–23 July gives the international community the opportunity to take a major step towards securing a treaty that will address these challenges.

The EU calls on all participating States in the OSCE to engage fully and positively with this process in New York. Only a truly inclusive and participatory negotiating process can ensure that the views of all UN Member States are taken into account in a future Arms Trade Treaty.

In the view of the EU, a strong and robust Arms Trade Treaty should prevent all conventional weapons, including SALW, from being used to threaten security, destabilize regions and States, violate human rights or international humanitarian law, undermine economic and social development or exacerbate conflict. An ATT should also prevent the diversion of conventional weapons to the illicit market.

The EU will work towards reaching agreement in the Preparatory Committee on concrete and comprehensive recommendations on the content of a future Treaty to be submitted for consideration by the 2012 UN Conference.

Mr. Chairperson,

I should be grateful if this statement was attached to the journal of the meeting.

The candidate countries Turkey, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* and Iceland, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, the European Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area Liechtenstein and Norway, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.



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**DECISION No. 5/10
HOLDING A HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DOCTRINE SEMINAR**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Determined to enhance the security dialogue in the OSCE,

Recognizing the need to address the challenges identified in the OSCE strategy to address threats to security and stability,

Recalling paragraph 15.7 of the Vienna Document 1999, encouraging participating States to hold periodic high-level military doctrine seminars, as well as paragraphs 30.1 and 30.1.2 to improve mutual relations and promote contact between relevant military institutions,

Decides to hold a High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar (HLMDS) in Vienna on 24 and 25 May 2011 to inform and discuss doctrinal changes, technological changes and their impacts on defence structures and armed forces.