

Chairmanship: Monaco

768th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 29 October 2014

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Giordan

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: UNSCR 1540 – THE OSCE’S
ROLE IN IMPLEMENTATION

Presentation on “UNSCR 1540 – The OSCE’s Role in Facilitating the Implementation – Russian View”, by Mr. S. Federyakov, Head of the Export Control Policy Division, Department for Non-Proliferation and Arms Control, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation: Chairperson, Mr. S. Federyakov (FSC.DEL/179/14 OSCE+), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; 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 Armenia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/182/14), Poland (Annex), United States of America, Belarus (FSC.DEL/185/14 OSCE+), Armenia, Montenegro, FSC Chairperson’s Co-ordinator on Non-Proliferation Issues (Latvia)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE DATES AND VENUE OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION
ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 6/14 (FSC.DEC/6/14) on the dates and venue of the twenty-fifth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE
 TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION
 ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 7/14 (FSC.DEC/7/14) on the agenda and modalities of the twenty-fifth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America

Agenda item 4: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/181/14), Italy-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/183/14), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation, Italy-European Union (FSC.DEL/184/14), Poland

- (b) *National roundtable on small arms and light weapons, held in Yerevan on 14 and 15 October 2014:* Armenia, Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Needs assessment mission to Tunisia, conducted on 21 and 22 October 2014:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

- (b) *Matters of protocol:* United States of America, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 5 November 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



768th Plenary Meeting

FSC Journal No. 774, Agenda item 1

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF POLAND

At the outset, I would like to thank the representative of the Russian Federation for his comprehensive and to-the-point presentation on the role that United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) might possibly play within the framework of the OSCE's activities.

I remember being there, at UN Headquarters in New York, on the day in April 2004 when the resolution was adopted. Since that day, the resolution itself has proved to be equal to the task and, together with UN Security Council resolutions 1810 (2008) and 1977 (2011) extending the mandate of UNSCR 1540 which were adopted later, it has become one of the important ingredients of the global non-proliferation regime. Therefore, I do agree with my Russian colleague that its relevance is no less important than it was 10 years ago, simply because the non-proliferation challenges have not evaporated and still remain a clear and present danger for global security.

As far as the role of the resolution in the work of the OSCE is concerned, it is true that non-proliferation is not the primary goal for our Organization. However, Poland appreciates the OSCE's achievements in that field. We would see a role for implementation of the provisions of UNSCR 1540 in the different formats of the OSCE activities, provided, however – as was rightly pointed out by the Russian delegation – that there will be no duplication of the UN 1540 Committee's competences.

Poland has had a good and innovative experience in implementing the provisions of UNSCR 1540. In 2013, together with Croatia, we organized the first ever peer review project (in the 1540 framework), a report of which has been submitted to the relevant UN authorities. A number of ministries and agencies from both countries were involved in the two-stage exercises carried out both in Croatia and in Poland. The results of that project were also presented in November last year in Kyiv at the OSCE workshop aimed to increase the eagerness in the post-Soviet republics of Central Asia to implement UNSCR 1540.

In general, it has been observed that the peer review mechanism affords a unique opportunity for direct discussion and exchanges between relevant experts. The bilateral format, with participation by representatives of States with similar non-proliferation challenges, is an additional advantage. Overall, it enables experts to make better use of their own expertise and experience. It also increases the level of bilateral co-operation in the sphere of non-proliferation between countries themselves.

In that regard, we think that the OSCE could serve as a platform for bringing the participating States closer and – using the peer review tools and our experience – could increase the awareness both of non-proliferation challenges and, at the same time, of practical instruments at the disposal of States to effectively curb those universal dangers.



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**DECISION No. 6/14
DATES AND VENUE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Decides that the twenty-fifth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) will be held on 3 and 4 March 2015 in Vienna.

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DECISION No. 7/14
AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

3 and 4 March 2015

Vienna Document:

- (148) *The participating States will hold each year a meeting to discuss the present and future implementation of agreed CSBMs. Discussion may extend to:*
- (148.1) – *Clarification of questions arising from such implementation;*
 - (148.2) – *Operation of agreed measures, including the use of additional equipment during inspections and evaluation visits;*
 - (148.3) – *Implications of all information originating from the implementation of any agreed measures for the process of confidence- and security-building in the framework of the OSCE.*
- (149) *Before the conclusion of each year's meeting the participating States will normally agree upon the agenda and dates for the subsequent year's meeting. Lack of agreement will not constitute sufficient reason to extend a meeting, unless otherwise agreed. Agenda and dates may, if necessary, be agreed between meetings.*
- (150) *The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will hold such meetings. It will consider, as required, suggestions made during the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs.*
- (150.4) *Participating States which, for whatever reason, have not exchanged annual information according to this document and have not provided an explanation under the FSC announcing and reminding mechanism, will during the meeting explain the reasons why and provide an expected date for their full compliance with this commitment.*

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 3 March 2015

- 10–11 a.m. Opening session
- Opening of the Meeting by the Chairperson
 - Remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC
 - Presentation of a summary report and of the report on the Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)
 - General statements
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 1: Implementation of the Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI) and the Vienna Document, Introduction and Chapters I to III: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions
- GEMI
 - Vienna Document
 - Introduction
 - Annual exchange of military information
 - (i) Information on military forces
 - (ii) Data relating to major weapon and equipment systems
 - (iii) Information on plans for the deployment of major weapon and equipment systems
 - Defence planning
 - (i) Exchange of information
 - (ii) Clarification, review and dialogue
 - Risk reduction
 - (i) Mechanism for consultation and co-operation as regards unusual military activities
 - (ii) Co-operation as regards hazardous incidents of a military nature
 - (iii) Voluntary hosting of visits to dispel concerns about military activities
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–5 p.m. Working session 1 continued if necessary

Working session 2: Implementation of the Vienna Document, Chapters IV to XII: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions

- Contacts
 - (i) Visits to air bases
 - (ii) Programme of military contacts and co-operation
 - (iii) Military contacts, military co-operation
 - (iv) Demonstration of new types of major weapon and equipment systems
 - (v) Provision of information on contacts
- Military activities
 - (i) Prior notification of certain military activities
 - (ii) Observation of certain military activities
 - (iii) Annual calendars
 - (iv) Constraining provisions
- Compliance and verification
 - (i) Inspection
 - (ii) Evaluation
- Regional measures
- Communications Network

Wednesday, 4 March 2015

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2 continued if necessary

Working session 3: Suggestions aiming at improvement of the implementation of CSBMs

1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–4 p.m. Working session 3 continued

4.30–5.30 p.m. Closing session

- Discussion
- Possible recommendations on the dates and the agenda and modalities of the 2016 AIAM
- Concluding remarks
- Closure

II. Organizational modalities

1. The AIAM will last two days and will have opening and closing sessions and working sessions dealing with the topics contained in the agenda (Part I, above). The indicative timetable provides greater detail.
2. The organizational meeting of chairpersons, co-ordinators, rapporteurs, and the CPC is scheduled to be held on Monday, 2 March 2015, at 3 p.m. The working hours of the AIAM will be on the first day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m., and on the second day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m.
3. Interpretation into the official languages of the OSCE will be provided at all sessions of the AIAM.
4. The sessions will be chaired by representatives of the participating States, in rotation, in accordance with the French alphabetical order, following on from the chairing of the closing plenary meeting of the 2014 AIAM by Greece. The chair of the opening session and working sessions will be held by Hungary. The chair of the closing session will be held by Ireland.
5. Debates in the working sessions will be oriented towards problems and solutions and there will be no formal statements. Any national statements for the opening session should be presented in written form only and are to be distributed in advance. The working sessions are designed to be informal meetings of national experts with the objectives of answering questions, exchanging information and allowing for constructive debate between participating States. Delegations are strongly encouraged to provide detailed presentations and concrete examples of their own implementation experiences. Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions prior to the Meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. All delegations are strongly encouraged to provide national experts to participate in the AIAM.
6. To serve as a basis for preparatory work by delegations and co-ordinators, the CPC will circulate the following no later than 3 February 2015:
 - The revised Annual Survey on CSBM Information Exchanged and the AIAM Survey of Suggestions 2014;
 - A summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document and other measures;
 - A summary report on the Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres.
7. Each working session will have one designated co-ordinator and one rapporteur throughout. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate and follow the discussion, while the immediate task of the rapporteurs will be to present brief written summary reports for use by the Chairperson of the closing session.
8. The co-ordinators will circulate a list of topics and questions designed to facilitate discussion in their working sessions no later than 10 February 2015. They will be supported

by the CPC in this regard. They will ensure that all relevant areas are addressed. The co-ordinators are also encouraged to focus discussions on suggestions that might be supported by the delegations.

9. Delegations that have volunteers to act as co-ordinators and/or rapporteurs for the working sessions should provide the names of the individuals to the Chairperson of the FSC as soon as possible, but no later than 30 January 2015. The names of the co-ordinators and rapporteurs for all the working sessions will be made known to all delegations no later than 3 February 2015.

10. At the first FSC plenary meeting following the AIAM, the Chairperson of the closing session will report to the FSC on the AIAM. Within one month after the AIAM, the Chairperson will provide the Consolidated Summary containing the Chairperson's statements and the presentations in the opening session, the reports of the rapporteurs of the working sessions and the Chairperson's closing remarks. Prior to publication, the rapporteurs are encouraged to circulate their draft reports to the delegations of those participating States that contributed to the relevant working session. Within a month after the AIAM, the CPC will circulate a written report on suggestions made during the Meeting aimed at improving the implementation of CSBMs.

11. In order to ensure the most productive discussion in the FSC when the participating States consider, as required, suggestions for improvement of the implementation of CSBMs made during the Meeting, the approach recommended 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.

12. Before the conclusion of the 2015 AIAM, the participating States are encouraged to consider recommendations for the agenda and dates for the 2016 AIAM. The agenda, modalities and dates of the 2016 AIAM should be adopted by a decision in the FSC before the end of 2015.

13. The Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend all sessions of the 2015 AIAM.