

Chairmanship: Monaco

775th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 17 December 2014

Opened: 10.30 a.m.

Closed: 12.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Giordan

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

Agenda item 1: CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
FSC, H.E. AMBASSADOR CLAUDE GIORDAN

Chairperson, Moldova, Montenegro, Mongolia, Armenia, Liechtenstein,
Serbia

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/216/14), 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/214/14), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation

(b) *Twelfth annual consultations on the review of the implementation of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea, held on 12 December 2014:* Bulgaria (also on behalf of Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine) (Annex 1), Ukraine (Annex 2)

(c) *OSCE conventional ammunition stockpiles management assistance programme led by the OSCE Mission to Moldova:* Austria (Annex 3), Moldova (Annex 4), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light

Weapons and Stockpiles and Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)

- (d) *Text in Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/14 on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition related to the Arms Trade Treaty: Canada*

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol: United Kingdom, Chairperson*
- (b) *Financial contributions to the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and other projects in the OSCE area: Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- (c) *Invitation to attend the MAOSCE (military advisers of the participating States of the OSCE) Happy Hour, to be held on 17 December 2014: Finland*

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 20 January 2015, at 11 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BULGARIA
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF GEORGIA, ROMANIA, THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION, TURKEY AND UKRAINE)**

Mr. Chairperson,

I took the floor also on behalf of Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.

The participating States of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea – Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine, have gathered at the 12th Annual Consultations, under the Chairmanship of Bulgaria.

The States reviewed the implementation of the Document in the course of 2014 and agreed on its encouraging results in the information exchange domain.

They noted the value of the OSCE Communications Network to include the Black Sea Document as a positive step toward better information exchange. They also noted the benefit of the Terms of Reference for a participating State acting as a Chairman for better coherence of their joint efforts.

The participating States recognized the importance of the Document and discussed its implementation in the current security situation.

The six Black Sea Coastal States reaffirmed their commitment to full implementation of the Document in good faith thus contributing to mutual confidence and co-operation in order to strengthen security and stability in the Black Sea region.

The participating States welcomed Romania as a new Chair of the Document and assured it will receive all the support needed to keep the Document viable and efficient.

Mr. Chairperson, I would like to ask you to attach the text of this statement to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairperson,
Distinguished colleagues,

First of all, we would like to thank the delegation of Bulgaria for its submission within the framework of today's FSC meeting of the information on the results of the Twelfth Annual Consultations on the Review of Implementation of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea that were held on 12 December 2014 in Vienna.

We deem it important that all participating States represented at the Consultations have reaffirmed their commitment to full implementation of the Document in good faith thus contributing to mutual confidence and co-operation in order to strengthen security and stability in the Black Sea region.

We understand full implementation of the Document as such that concerns all provisions, including those of its preambular part. Let me recall that by adopting the Document all six Black Sea Coastal States reiterated determination to strictly abide in their relations by the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter regarding, *inter alia*, the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of State borders.

Distinguished colleagues,

Due to illegal occupation and annexation of Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol by the Russian Federation, Ukraine was not able to host on its territory the confidence annual naval exercise – "Reliance-2014" which was planned for 15–16 October 2014, and a visit to the Sevastopol Naval Base, planned for 14 October 2014. Ukraine reaffirms her adherence to the CSBMs in the naval field in the Black Sea. At the same time we believe that the Document must be adapted to the current realities, challenges and threats in the Black Sea region.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF AUSTRIA

Mr. Chairperson,

The OSCE Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management Assistance Programme led by the OSCE Mission to Moldova (OSCE CASM MDA) is an ongoing project for more than eight years now. Some of its tasks were already completed.

Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Canada and Sweden started the contribution to Task 8 Capacity-Building in 2013. The main objective of this part of the project is to support the Moldovan authorities to develop its own ammunition related training and skills in accordance with international standards.

In 2014 the following training activities were carried out:

- A six-week basic ammunition course, theoretical and practical part led by Austria, supported by Canada, Sweden and Germany in March, August and September (16 participants, 5 possible trainers identified)
- A two-week ADR training (dangerous goods transportation training) led by Switzerland supported by Germany in October (16 participants, 5 potential trainers identified)

By the end of 2014 the first phase of the project will be completed. In total 32 Moldovan experts were trained and ten Moldovan trainers were identified.

In the first half of 2015 the project will be continued with a clear focus on the integration of Moldovan experts as trainers and instructors in the respective training programme.

In the second half of 2015 a three-week advanced ammunition course will complete the training package.

Information exchange, co-ordination and co-operation are crucial when it comes to effectiveness and sustainability. The project co-ordination meetings and the role of the regional project co-ordinators in the FSC Support Section and the OSCE Mission are very

important in this respect. The next co-ordination meeting will take place on 17 February 2015 in Chişinău.

Last but not least Austria would like to thank all partners involved in the project implementation, first and foremost Moldova for its active engagement and flexible approach.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA

Mr. Chairperson,

We would like to thank the delegation of Austria for presenting the outcomes of trainings carried out this year and the planned activities for 2015 in the framework of the OSCE Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management Project in the Republic of Moldova. This Train for Trainer course is of high importance for the Moldovan Ministry of Defence as there is a real need to develop our own ammunition related training skills in accordance with the international standards and best practices.

The course is part of actions carried out by the Ministry of Defence, with the support of the OSCE, in improving the stockpile management and in the destruction of SALW and conventional ammunition. This training provides the opportunity for officers of national army to deepen their expertise on SALW and SCA stockpile management and security. The implementation of this course will make a significant contribution in developing the Ministry of Defence's own capabilities to train specialists in the field of stockpile management and security.

We share the assessment on positive and comprehensive results achieved in the first phase of the project and look forward to actively engage in training courses scheduled for April, July and September next year. Let me use this opportunity to sincerely express our gratitude to the governments of Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Canada and Sweden for the valuable assistance in the implementation of the CASM Project in the Republic of Moldova. We look forward to continue our productive co-operation with the existing and potential future donors and remain committed to undertake necessary steps to successfully complete this project.

May I kindly ask you Mr. Chairperson to attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you