

858th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION No. 3/17
OSCE MEETING TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OSCE
ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF SMALL ARMS AND
LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL
AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Mindful of the important role of the OSCE in combating the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) in all its aspects and of its endeavour to contribute to the reduction in, and prevention of, the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of SALW,

Recognizing the continuing importance of OSCE measures aimed at addressing the security risks and the safety of stockpiles of SALW and conventional ammunition in surplus and/or awaiting destruction in some States in the OSCE area,

Reaffirming its commitment to strengthening efforts aimed at ensuring the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012), the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA) (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011), and related FSC decisions, including the OSCE Plan of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DEC/2/10, 26 May 2010),

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/14, which tasked the FSC to continue to strengthen efforts to fully implement existing measures and commitments set out in the OSCE Document on SALW, the OSCE Document on SCA, and related FSC decisions,

Also recalling the Ministerial Declaration on OSCE Assistance Projects in the Field of SALW and SCA (MC.DOC/3/16), which encourages participating States to hold periodic conferences to assess the implementation of ongoing OSCE projects on SALW and SCA,

Commending the successful projects conducted by the OSCE on the destruction of surplus SALW and SCA as well as ensuring their safe and secure storage,

Decides:

1. To organize an OSCE meeting to review the implementation of OSCE assistance projects in the field of SALW and SCA under the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA, with a view to exploring possible further actions, to be held on 3 and 4 October 2017, in Vienna, in accordance with the programme, indicative timetable and organizational modalities annexed to this decision;
2. To request the OSCE Secretariat to support the organization of this meeting;
3. To invite the OSCE participating States to consider providing extrabudgetary contributions for the above-mentioned event.

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Vienna, 3 and 4 October 2017

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 3 October 2017

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| 9.30–10.30 a.m. | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Opening statement by the FSC Chairperson– Opening address by the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre– Opening address (TBD) |
| 10.30–11 a.m. | Working session I: Assistance mechanism under the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by the working session moderator– Presentation on the assistance mechanism for participating States and Partners for Co-operation |
| 11–11.30 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 11.30–1 p.m. | Working session II: Progress and existing challenges in the implementation of SALW and SCA projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by the working session moderator– Presentations on the progress and existing challenges in the implementation of SALW and SCA projects– Discussion |
| 1–2.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 2.30–6 p.m. | Continuation of working session II (with a 30 minute coffee break) |

Wednesday, 4 October 2017

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| 10 a.m.–12 noon | Continuation of working session II |
| 12 noon–1 p.m. | Closing session |
- Overview of the funding of OSCE projects on SALW and SCA
 - Discussion to explore possible further actions for the implementation of SALW and SCA assistance projects
 - FSC Chairperson’s closing remarks

II. Organizational modalities

Background

Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/14 tasked the FSC to, *inter alia*, continue to strengthen efforts to fully implement existing measures and commitments set out in the OSCE Document on SALW, the OSCE Document on SCA, and related FSC decisions as well as to explore ways to enhance outreach to the OSCE Partners for Co-operation on issues related to SALW and SCA. The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the implementation of OSCE assistance projects on SALW and SCA, as well as provide a forum to examine further ways of improving the effectiveness of such projects.

The Ministerial Declaration on OSCE Assistance Projects in the Field of SALW and SCA (MC.DOC/3/16) encourages continued discussions on topical security issues related to SALW and SCA projects and holding periodic conferences to assess the implementation of ongoing OSCE projects on SALW and SCA.

Organization

The FSC Chairmanship will chair the opening and closing sessions.

Each working session will have one designated moderator and one rapporteur throughout. The task of the moderators 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, and a written summary report, which will become a part of the Chairperson’s report. The rapporteurs will assist the moderators in the preparation of their respective working sessions.

Each working session will be introduced by the moderator, after which several presentations will be given on specific aspects of the topic, either by the moderator or by other experts. The introduction and the presentations are to be in line with point papers to be distributed via the moderator prior to the meeting. The introductions and the presentations at the working sessions are to be brief, so as to allow maximum time for discussion, and should

therefore highlight only the most important elements of the point papers so as to provide information and set the scene for the discussion.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the meeting. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions. The FSC Chairperson will provide a report on the meeting not later than 15 December 2017, including a summary of suggestions and recommendations made during the meeting. The OSCE Secretariat will assist the FSC Chairperson in all matters concerning the organizational modalities of the meeting.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to ensure the participation of senior officials, including those from capitals, at the meeting. The OSCE institutions will participate in the meeting. The Partners for Co-operation will also be invited to participate.

Other relevant international and regional organizations that are involved in relevant SALW activities, such as the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, the UN Development Programme, the European Union, will also be invited by the FSC Chairperson. The deadline for registrations will be 10 September 2017.

General guidelines for participants

Prior circulation of briefings, overviews or statements is encouraged. To promote interactive discussion, delegations are requested to provide formal statements in writing only. Delegations are requested to limit the length of their oral statements to five minutes.

Guidelines for keynote speakers and panellists

To facilitate discussion within the time constraints, the keynote presentation will be limited to 15–20 minutes, introductions and presentations in the working sessions to 10–15 minutes, and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes.

In their contributions, the speakers at the opening and working sessions should set the scene for the discussion and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations, and should concentrate on the highlights of their contributions. Speakers should remain present during the entire session they are addressing and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation. In order to promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions at the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes. The speakers should also contribute to the further substance of the meeting as it evolves and as time permits. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility form engaging in discussion.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator will chair the session and should facilitate and focus dialogue among the participants. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subjects of the opening and working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or refine the scope of the discussion. The moderators may provide input to the Chairperson for the FSC Chairperson's report.

The rapporteurs' reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and rapporteurs should provide written summaries subsequent to the meeting. Personal views will not be advanced.

Guidelines for submitting and distributing written contributions

Speakers should submit their written contributions to the meeting moderators no later than 29 September 2017. By 29 September 2017, participating States and other participants in the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions they may have.