



Turkish Chairmanship

363rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 10 July 2002

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. Ö. Orhun

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *The security risk arising from stockpiles of armaments or ammunition, in surplus or awaiting destruction, in the OSCE region:* France (Annex), Chairperson, Ukraine, Finland, Germany, Belgium, Azerbaijan, Spain, Sweden, Yugoslavia, Austria, Albania, Poland, Luxembourg, Bulgaria, Armenia, Russian Federation, Ireland, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Italy, Netherlands

(b) *Applicability of confidence- and security-building measures in crisis situations:* Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/428/02 Restr.), Belarus, France, Germany, Finland, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

None

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON A REVISED ANNOUNCING AND REMINDING MECHANISM

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 10/02 (FSC.DEC/10/02), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on a Revised Announcing and Reminding Mechanism.

Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF BEST PRACTICE GUIDES ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No.11/02 (FSC.DEC/11/02), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the Preparation of Best Practice Guides on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON OSCE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK MODERNIZATION

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation, subject to a silence procedure expiring on Friday, 12 July 2002, at 5 p.m., adopted the decision on OSCE Communications Network Modernization, the text of which is appended to this Journal.

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Small Arms and Light Weapons Information Exchange 2002:* Bulgaria, Belgium, Poland
- (b) *Chairperson's Summary on the Examination of FSC Documents under the Road Map of the FSC for Implementation of the Bucharest Plan of Action for Combating Terrorism (FSC.DEL/423/02):* Chairperson
- (c) *Albanian FSC Chairmanship in Winter Session 2003:* Chairperson
- (d) *Transmission of Model Answer to the United Nations:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 17 July 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Grosser Redoutensaal



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**STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT DECISION
SUBMITTED BY FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS TO THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

**The security risk arising from stockpiles of armaments or
ammunition, in surplus or awaiting destruction, in the OSCE region**

The joint draft decision by France and the Netherlands that we are submitting today to the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) under reference number FSC.DEL/424/02 has its roots in the Seminar on the Socio-Economic Impact of Disarmament, held in Paris on 25 and 26 March 2002 as an initiative of the OSCE chairmanship. This seminar was widely attended by OSCE participating States, which, during that event, turned their attention to a number of problems connected with the reduction of armed forces and the conversion of defence industries and with the aftermath of post-conflict situations. The conclusions reached at the seminar by the chairmanship emphasized the need to turn the ideas put forward there into specific projects.

Arms and ammunition surpluses are a source of concern for participating States and jeopardize collective security in the OSCE area, *inter alia* as a result of the associated environmental risks.

The purpose of the initiative of France and the Netherlands is to respond to these risks by developing principles, standards and measures along with offers of assistance between the OSCE participating States. Allow me at this point to make the following clarifications:

- This initiative deals with ammunition and various categories of armaments that do not fall under the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW). It therefore lies outside the framework of the current discussions on the implementation of Section V of that document;
- The initiative is not aimed at initiating a discussion on the formulation of stockpiling standards but at providing participating States with answers in the form of expertise, assistance and co-operation projects. Appropriate standards will be developed to match the measures taken to meet the needs expressed;

- This same pragmatic approach will be followed with regard to the financing of the specific measures and projects envisaged;
- The initiative of France and the Netherlands is concerned primarily with putting into place specific co-operation projects that address the concerns of participating States and lead to constructive dialogue between them. As such, it is fully in harmony with the spirit of the confidence- and security-building measures adopted by the FSC;
- This proposed draft decision, which is being submitted by France and the Netherlands at what is already a fairly advanced stage in its drafting, is designed to initiate a process of thinking that could, following evaluation and study by governments, be pursued in the FSC after the summer break and lead to an FSC decision by mid-October, in time for it to be incorporated into the texts to be adopted at the Ministerial Council meeting in December 2002.