

Chairmanship: Canada**492nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2006

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.15 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. B. Gibson

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Contribution to the programme on stockpiles of small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition in Tajikistan: Andorra (Annex), Sweden, Co-ordinator for Small Arms and Light Weapons (Sweden)

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on the EU Battle Group Concept as part of the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) by Mr. Pete Piirainen, EU Adviser from the Ministry of Defence in Helsinki, and by Colonel Philippe Roman-Amat, European Union Military Staff — Policy and Plans Division: Chairperson, Mr. P. Piirainen (FSC.DEL/408/06 OSCE+), Mr. P. Roman-Amat, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Canada

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Proposal for the establishment of a joint informal subsidiary body of the Permanent Council and the FSC:* Spain (FSC.DEL/427/06 Restr.), Chairperson, Greece, Netherlands

(b) *Visit to an airbase in the Russian Federation from 4 to 9 September 2006:* Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/421/06 OSCE+), Luxembourg

(c) *Proposal for an FSC workshop on UN Security Council resolution 1540:* Chairperson

(d) *Organizational modalities*: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 27 September 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ANDORRA

Madam Chairperson,

I should like first of all to congratulate you on your recent assumption of the Chairmanship and to wish you every success.

At the commencement of Andorra's Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC), our Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Juli Minoves, expressed the wish to make a voluntary contribution to projects to eliminate stockpiles of conventional ammunition.

This wish has now taken form; and today it gives me pleasure to announce to the FSC that at its general session of 13 September 2006 the Parliament of the Principality of Andorra approved a voluntary contribution to the current OSCE programme on small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition stockpiled in Tajikistan.

Andorra will contribute 20,000 euros to phase II, task 1, of the programme, which is aimed at the disposal of conventional ammunition and specifically of rocket boosters.

By making this contribution, Andorra shows its commitment to the FSC's efforts to promote peace, stability and security and, at the same time, expresses our solidarity and support for initiatives by the international community against arms and in favour of peace.

During Andorra's Chairmanship of the FSC, my minister, Mr. Minoves, presented it with a CD by the singer Pete Seeger containing a song entitled "Andorra", which said: "I want to go to Andorra, it's a place I adore. They spent four dollars and ninety cents on armaments and their defence." Today our defence budget is still the same, while our budget for development aid and co-operation continues to grow.

I would request, Madam Chairperson, that you attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you.