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**Chairmanship: Romania****849th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 29 March 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 4.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Istrate  
Mr. D. Şerban

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: SALW PROJECTS: CASE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

- *Presentation by Mr. O. Nicolae Babin, Vice Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova*
- *Presentation by Lieutenant Colonel A. Camerzan, General Staff of the National Army of the Republic of Moldova*
- *Presentation by Ms. B. Balon, Head of the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), UNDP*
- *Presentation by Mr. L. Karakas, Politico-Military Officer, OSCE Mission to Moldova*

Chairperson, Representative of the Vice Minister for Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova (Mr. A. Belous), Mr. A. Camerzan, Ms. B. Balon, Mr. L. Karakas, Malta-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/112/17), Austria (also on behalf of Canada, Germany,

Sweden and Switzerland) (FSC.DEL/114/17 OSCE+), Austria, Spain (Annex 1), Switzerland, Belarus, FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Italy), United States of America, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/115/17), Malta-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/113/17), Canada, United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 2), Austria

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Poland, Germany
- (b) *Invitation to the Chairmanship event “Intersessional OSCE dialogue on military doctrines” to be held on 4 and 5 May 2017 and reminder of the meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Structured Dialogue to be held on 7 April 2017:* Austria (Annex 3)
- (c) *Appointment of a new Co-ordinator of the FSC Chair for the Vienna Document:* Chairperson, outgoing Co-ordinator of the FSC Chair for the Vienna Document (Switzerland), incoming Co-ordinator of the FSC Chair for the Vienna Document (Switzerland), Portugal
- (d) *Announcement of the assessment report on the feasibility of the methodologies for disposal of surplus ammunition developed by the State Military Scientific and Technical Centre “DELTA” of Georgia (FSC.DEL/60/17):* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), Georgia
- (e) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme (MONDEM) held on 29 March 2017:* Chairperson, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary)
- (f) *Financial contributions to small arms and light weapons projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina:* Norway (Annex 4), Bosnia and Herzegovina, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary)

- (g) *Implementation meeting on SALW deactivation to be held on 30 March 2017:*  
Germany

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 5 April 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN**

Mr. Chairperson,

Spain fully aligns itself with the statement by the European Union. I should also like to make a statement in my national capacity.

First, I should like to thank this morning's speakers for their interesting and enriching presentations, and the Chairmanship for including this important issue on our agenda today.

Spain has been and continues to be committed to the issue of small arms and light weapons (SALW). Proof of this is the expected participation in tomorrow's meeting on the deactivation of SALW of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Intelligence Brigade of the Spanish National Police, responsible for Operation "Portu", which recently succeeded in dismantling in Spain a criminal organization engaged in the illegal recirculation of previously deactivated weapons.

Unfortunately, illicit trafficking in SALW has gained particular prominence at the international level in recent years. While it is clear that such weapons alone are not the cause of armed conflict, their illicit trafficking into unstable areas can exacerbate such conflicts, greatly increasing the risk to the population. We have also recently witnessed how small arms, smuggled through illicit channels, have been commonly used for the commission of attacks in Western countries.

On the other hand, it is widely known that maritime transport is one of the principal means for the practice of illicit trafficking, including in SALW.

Although a number of tools have been developed in recent years to try to cut the supply of SALW to criminal organizations and terrorist groups, much remains to be done in developing new strategies to help achieve this goal.

With this idea in mind and recalling the measures already in place in our Organization to combat illicit trafficking in SALW, including those for trafficking by air, we believe that the OSCE can also serve as a leading forum for the exchange of information and the development of best practices in the maritime sector, complementing those in the field of trafficking by air.

Therefore, and as a further example of Spain's commitment to this matter, I should like to announce our intention, together with France, Italy and Malta, as co-sponsors, to circulate today a draft decision on the "Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in SALW and/or Ammunition by Sea" and to request its inclusion on the agenda of Working Group A of this Forum, in order to explore the possibilities of consensus that this proposal might raise.

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Dear Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the reference to Crimea in the statements by a number of delegations today, the delegation of the Russian Federation feels obliged to make the following observations.

The proclamation of independence of the Republic of Crimea and its incorporation into the Russian Federation was a legal expression of the right of the people of Crimea to self-determination at a time when Ukraine, with outside support, was in the throes of a *coup d'état*, with radical nationalist elements exerting a forceful influence on the decisions adopted in the country, which in turn resulted in the interests of the Ukrainian regions and Russian-speaking population being ignored.

The multi-ethnic population of Crimea took the corresponding decisions by a huge majority in a free and fair expression of its will. The status of the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as constituent entities of the Russian Federation is not open to reconsideration or discussion. Crimea is and will remain Russian. This is a fact that our partners will have to come to terms with.

This position is based on and fully complies with international law.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF AUSTRIA**

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the upcoming Chairmanship event, the Intersessional OSCE Dialogue on Military Doctrines, on 4 and 5 May 2017, we would like to make the following remarks.

As already announced in the invitation letter on 15 February 2017, the event will take place at the *Landesverteidigungsakademie*, Vienna, and discussions will be held on changes in military doctrines, and on threat perceptions, new security challenges and military-to-military contacts.

This event plays an important role in our politico-military Chairmanship programme and moreover contributes to the Structured Dialogue, as established by the Chairperson-in-Office in his letter dated 20 February 2017. While the first Informal Working Group for the Structured Dialogue meeting on 7 April is to address “Converging and diverging threat perceptions in the OSCE area”, the Intersessional OSCE Dialogue will focus, in particular, on military doctrines.

Accordingly and in addition to the invitation letter, we would like to point out that we now also encourage the participation of capitals on the director level in the Intersessional OSCE Dialogue. This was also indicated in the indicative calendar of the Structured Dialogue that was provided to you last week. Please be aware that the deadline for registration is 4 April 2017.

Furthermore, we call on all interested participating States to consider contributing to the event by providing a potential high-level speaker for one of the sessions on threat perceptions, drivers for military doctrines, or new threats and security challenges. Please do not hesitate to approach members of our Permanent Mission for further information.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. May I request that this statement be attached to the journal of day.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY**

Mr. Chairperson,

Today at the FSC meeting devoted to SALW projects, I am happy to announce that Norway has decided to donate 400,000 Norwegian kroner (NOK), approximately 45,000 euros, to the OSCE SALW and SCA project (ExB 2200393) for the safety and security upgrade of ammunition and weapons storage sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Norway has supported the work of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina in this field over the past years, and has great respect for the work done on these projects by all parties involved.

The objective of the new donation is to contribute to OSCE efforts to enhance the safety and security of the population in the area, in addition to reducing the risk of weapons and ammunition proliferation, and specifically to help improve national physical security and stockpile management standards in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Chairperson,

I kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you.