



**39th JOINT MEETING OF THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION
AND THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

1. Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2009

Opened: 10.40 a.m.

Closed: 1.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador P. Gaprindashvili (FSC) (Georgia)
Ambassador M. Marinaki (PC) (Greece)
Ms. E. Sourani (Greece)

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

(a) *Presentation by the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Talks, Ambassadors Charalampos Christopoulos (OSCE), Pierre Morel (European Union) and Johan Verbeke (United Nations), and*

(b) *Presentation by the Head of the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) in Georgia, Ambassador Hansjörg Haber, and by the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) of the OSCE, Ambassador Herbert Salber, on International Monitoring Activities in Georgia:*

Chairperson (Georgia), Chairperson (Greece), Mr. C. Christopoulos (CIO.GAL/77/09 OSCE+), Mr. P. Morel, Mr. J. Verbeke, Mr. H. Haber, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/101/09 OSCE+), Czech Republic-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Azerbaijan and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC-PC.DEL/19/09), United States of America

(FSC-PC.DEL/20/09), Turkey, Norway (FSC-PC.DEL/21/09), Canada,
Russian Federation (FSC-PC.DEL/22/09), United Kingdom, Georgia

Agenda item 2: FSC DECISION ON A MEETING OF THE HEADS OF
VERIFICATION CENTRES

Chairperson (Georgia)

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 4/09
(FSC.DEC/4/09), the text of which is appended to this journal, on a meeting of
the heads of verification centres.

Agenda item 3: FOOD-FOR-THOUGHT PAPER ON FURTHER WORK ON
UNSCR 1540

United States of America (Annex 1), Russian Federation, United Kingdom

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Ceremony in Cyprus to mark the conclusion of the destruction of MANPADS, held on 12 June 2009:* Chairperson, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons (United Kingdom) (FSC-PC.DEL/23/09), Cyprus (Annex 2)
- (b) *Matters of protocol:* Finland, Chairperson, Czech Republic

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Thank you Madam Chairwoman, Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for the opportunity to briefly discuss the food-for-thought paper on Further Work on UNSCR 1540 (FSC.DEL/25/09/Corr.4). On behalf of the co-sponsors, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, France, Italy, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States, we believe this joint meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation and the Permanent Council is an appropriate occasion to emphasize the need for discussions on how the OSCE, as a regional organization, can further the implementation of UNSCR 1540. The co-sponsors have prepared a strategy paper that identifies a number of steps that participating States can pursue to further implementation of UNSCR 1540.

Implementation of 1540 is a classic OSCE “crossover” issue, encompassing multiple elements of the first dimension portfolio that is addressed by both the FSC and the Permanent Council through its Security Committee. Our first challenge is finding a way to blend the expertise of these bodies to complement and enhance our work. The Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) and the Conflict Prevention Centre’s Borders Team both have mandates that could contribute to the non-proliferation objectives of 1540.

Recently the 1540 Committee in New York approved a Program of Work, that will focus on:

- National implementation;
- Assistance;
- Co-operation with international organizations;
- Transparency.

While there are some participating States that doubt the OSCE can make a contribution to this work, we believe that a role exists for the Organization. There are several

tasks that the OSCE can undertake now to significantly improve the implementation of 1540 with regard to this Program of Work, as laid out in our strategy paper:

- Discuss the progress made on national implementation plans and provide this information to all participating States of the OSCE and the Partners for Co-operation through an information exchange to further the dialogue on implementation, and forward the outcome to the 1540 Committee based in New York.
- Identify a key OSCE liaison with the 1540 Committee who can develop a list of regional experts for co-operation on technical implementation of 1540 issues, as well as maintaining national points of contact on 1540 implementation who may be able to provide technical assistance – this is requested in UNSCR 1810 as the 1540 Committee has only eight experts and needs the co-operation of regional organizations.
- Complete at least the introduction and two chapters of the Best Practices Guide – outreach has shown that a regionally endorsed overview is an important step for foreign ministries and interagency groups to educate those entrusted with actually developing and passing the laws.
- Continue to report on national implementation. This would involve the traditional OSCE function of peer review.

Madam Chairwoman, Mr. Chairman, a number of participating States have been strong supporters of UNSCR 1540 since its inception, as well as its extension mandate UNSCR 1810, including the current 1540 Committee Vice-Chairs Croatia and the United Kingdom as well as fellow Security Council members Austria, France, Russia, and Turkey.

We look forward to your questions and comments to further this broader discussion within the OSCE. As we move ahead, the co-sponsors welcome consultations with all relevant entities within the OSCE in order to realize the benefits of full implementation of UNSCR 1540.

Thank you and we ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CYPRUS

The Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the OSCE, would like to inform that the OSCE-MoD Project for the destruction of 324 MANPADS, has been successfully implemented in Cyprus, between 9 and 12 June 2009, in accordance to all OSCE documents and other international norms, for safety and environmental protection.

On the 12 June, the destruction of the last part of the mentioned MANPADS was carried out in full transparency, during a ceremony in the presence of:

- The Minister of Defence;
- The Ambassador of Greece in Cyprus as representative of the Greek CiO of the OSCE;
- The chairperson of the FSC;
- The representative of the CPC;
- The Ambassadors and the Defence Attaches of the United States of America and the United Kingdom;
- The Commanders of UNFICYP and British Sovereign Bases in Cyprus;
- Diplomatic officials and the media.

The Ministry of Defence of Cyprus, expresses its gratitude to the OSCE for taking this project under its auspices, the CPC and the co-ordinator of the FSC on SALW for all the work done in preparing – co-ordinating – realizing the project, the mS that responded to its request for technical assistance, but mostly, the United States of America and the United Kingdom for providing their experts on their own expenses, without whom this project could not be implemented in such a quick, efficient and safe way.

Mr. Chairperson, I request that my statement is attached to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you.

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DECISION No. 4/09
MEETING OF THE HEADS OF VERIFICATION CENTRES

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming that the OSCE Vienna Document 1999 (VD 99) remains a key instrument for confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) and noting that the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) provides an important venue to discuss the implementation of agreed measures under the provisions of VD 99,

Recognizing the interest expressed by participating States for the organization of a Heads of Verification Centres meeting to exchange experiences and information on technical aspects of implementation,

Encouraged by the positive and constructive dialogue during the nineteenth AIAM on the VD 99,

Recognizing the advantages to holding a Heads of Verification Centres meeting outside the framework of the AIAM,

Decides:

1. To call for a meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres on 14 December 2009;
2. To task the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) to prepare and chair the meeting;
3. That the agenda for the meeting should include the following main subjects:
 - Verification-specific discussion on the implementation of CSBMs and other relevant issues between the Heads of Verification Centres;
 - Exchange of views on the accomplished verification activities of the current year;
 - Exchange of views on scheduled activities under VD 99;
 - Exchange of views on improving the implementation of VD 99;

4. To task the CPC to report on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres at the opening session of the twentieth AIAM.