

Chairmanship: Liechtenstein

713th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2013

Opened: 11.05 a.m.

Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M.-P. Kothbauer

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Financial contribution to the project on the destruction of mélange in Bulgaria:* Hungary (Annex 1), Chairperson, Bulgaria, Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

(b) *Financial contribution to continuing the Secretariat's work related to United Nations Security Council resolution 1540:* Switzerland, FSC Chairperson's Co-ordinator for Non-Proliferation Issues (Ukraine), Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Update on the mélange project in Ukraine:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

(b) *Letter from the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs to the Secretary General of the OSCE inviting the OSCE to take part in an open-ended working group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations (SEC.DEL/72/13):* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, United States of America, United Kingdom, France

(c) *Matters of protocol:* Ireland, Chairperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- (d) *Appeal for support for the Vienna City Marathon charity event on 14 April 2013, in which military advisers of delegations of OSCE participating States are taking part: Luxembourg*

Agenda item 3: CLOSING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION,
H.E. AMBASSADOR MARIA-PIA KOTHBAUER

Chairperson (FSC.DEL/53/13 OSCE+), United States of America, Turkey, Switzerland (Annex 2), Russian Federation, Germany, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FSC.DEL/52/13 OSCE+), Ukraine, Lithuania

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 17 April 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF HUNGARY

Madam Chairperson,

As we said in our statement of 27 February on the Hungarian donation to the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia (CASM), Hungary considers the OSCE's implementation of SALW and SCA projects to be one of the flagships of our organization. Because Hungary believes in the success of all OSCE projects, the Hungarian authorities have been considering very carefully all the possibilities open to us. It is now my pleasure to take the floor again and announce that Hungary has decided to make a donation of 20,000 euros to support the project on assisting the Bulgarian Army in the disposal and destruction of surplus special rocket fuels.

We trust that the project will be worked out very soon so that implementation can be started as early as possible and, we hope, concluded this year.

We wish all possible success to our colleagues involved in implementation from the FSC Support Section of the Conflict Prevention Centre and from the Ministry of Defence of Bulgaria. It is our sincere wish that we will soon be able to celebrate the success of the project.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

I ask you to attach this statement to the journal of today's meeting.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

The delegation of Switzerland would like to thank Her Excellency Ambassador Maria-Pia Kothbauer of the Principality of Liechtenstein and her entire team most sincerely for the successful Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC). Liechtenstein displayed active leadership, excellent co-operation and an openness to visionary ideas.

At the beginning of this year, in the wake of Dublin, there was talk about the start of a period of reflexion. In the meantime, as we approach the end of the first trimester of the year, we can note that, over and beyond this valuable exercise in reflexion, we have been able to achieve even more.

Following the appointment of the FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and the Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons, the FSC co-ordinator positions are now all once again occupied. The Swiss delegation thanks Ms. Bilge Koçyiğit and Lieutenant Colonel Simon Macrory-Tinning most sincerely for their willingness to assume these important tasks and wishes them both success and satisfaction as they go about their respective tasks.

With the adoption of the two Vienna Document Plus decisions of 13 March 2013 the FSC has once again demonstrated its ability to act and reach consensus.

The period of the Liechtenstein FSC Chairmanship was also marked by the official publication of the Arabic translation of the OSCE Code of Conduct. As called for at the time of the first annual implementation discussion in 2012, an important step has thus been taken to promote the wider dissemination of that Code of Conduct.

On the part of Switzerland, I should especially like to thank most sincerely the German delegation and Mr. Detlef Hempel, FSC Co-ordinator, for the constructive and purposeful co-operation in implementing this project.

The aforementioned period, marked as it was by an exchange of ideas and an in-depth discussion, has in addition contributed considerably to the creation of favourable framework conditions for the phase of formal negotiations and substantive decisions that is now to follow. Who would have predicted at the beginning of January the new dynamics in the

discussion on conventional arms control. These are encouraging signs that have been fostered by, *inter alia*, the Liechtenstein Chairmanship.

Several high-quality security dialogue discussions were a source of inspiration during the past three months. It is precisely these occasions that carry us forward during times of perceived or genuine stalemate. In this sense the Liechtenstein Chairmanship has done exactly what was needed, and has done it successfully.

In addition, we should already like to take the opportunity today to welcome Lithuania and Luxembourg as the next holders of the Chairmanship this year. We look forward to working with them.

Switzerland continues to advocate and support the development and strengthening of the OSCE's politico-military instruments in a constantly changing security policy environment. Confidence-building, conflict prevention and crisis management form important pillars for security and stability in the OSCE area. The modernization and updating of the Vienna Document 2011, the discussion on conventional arms control, the publication and dissemination of the OSCE Code of Conduct, the documents on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition along with the subject of non-proliferation continue, in our view, to be relevant topics for the FSC. Switzerland looks forward to a period of candid and constructive work and assures you of its committed co-operation.

Thank you for your attention.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.