

Chairmanship: Portugal

837th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 30 November 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M. da Graça Mira Gomes

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/220/16), Slovakia-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, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/221/16), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation (Annex 2), United Kingdom, Romania

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Presentation on the joint OSCE-UNDP Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia (CASM)*: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), Serbia (FSC.DEL/222/16 Restr.), Chairperson

(b) *Presentation on the extrabudgetary project on enhancing the capacity of Kyrgyzstan for physical security and stockpile management of small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition*: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), OSCE Centre in Bishkek, Chairperson

- (c) *Letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany, Chairperson of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council (MC.GAL/3/16):* Chairperson
- (d) *Workshop on security sector governance and reform, held in Armenia from 8 to 11 November 2016:* Armenia (Annex 3), Azerbaijan
- (e) *Workshop on combating illicit small arms and light weapons (SALW), held in Astana on 9 and 10 November 2016:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (f) *Outreach event on amended export control legislation for the strategic goods of Bosnia and Herzegovina, held in Sarajevo on 22 November 2016:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (g) *Fifteenth plenary meeting of the Commission on the Concluding Document of the Negotiations under Article V of Annex I-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, held in Montenegro on 18 November 2016:* Montenegro
- (h) *Fourteenth annual consultations on the review of the implementation of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea, held on 17 November 2016:* Russian Federation (Annex 4), Ukraine (Annex 5)

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Madam Chairperson,

In connection with today's statement by the Russian delegation on the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (ARC), the delegation of Ukraine wishes to emphasize the following.

International law prohibits the acquisition of part or all of another State's territory through coercion or force. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which remains an integral part of Ukraine, was illegally occupied by military force and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. Illegitimate actions on the part of the Russian Federation do not have any legal consequences with regard to the status of the ARC as an integral part of Ukraine. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders is safeguarded by international law and UN General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, "Territorial integrity of Ukraine".

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the illegal occupation and annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.



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

Dear Madam 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, Madam Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ARMENIA

I would like to inform about the workshop titled “Security Sector Governance/Reform: from theory to practice” which was held in Armenia from 8–11 November. The workshop was co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and OSCE Office in Yerevan and supported by the Austrian Ministry Defence and Sport. OSCE CPC/FSC support section, DCAF/ISSAT as well as the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy also took part at the work of the event.

This year’s workshop was the continuation of the events conducted in 2013 and 2015. The participants from Armenia represented various state agencies such as Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Police, Ministry of Justice, General Prosecutor’s Office, Ministry of Emergency Situation, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Ombudsman Office, Administration of the President and the Staff of Government. It was the first time that the workshop hosted representatives from Georgia and Armenian civil society. It was attended also by the OSCE Mission to Serbia.

The workshop participants had an opportunity to learn the best international experience, share views and ideas with regards to the Security Sector Governance and Reform. International experts from the Austria, ISSAT/DCAF an OSCE FSC shared the international practice and recent developments in the field of Security Sector.

We are looking forward to capitalize this momentum and organize follow-up events on SSG/R in the future.

Thank you.



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

Madam Chairperson,

In accordance with the provisions of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea, the Participating States – Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine – held the 14th annual consultations on the review of the implementation of the Document on 17 November 2016. The meeting took place in Vienna at the Hofburg premises under the Chairmanship of the Russian Federation.

The participating States reviewed the implementation of the Document in the course of 2016 and concluded that it remained on the same level as in the previous year, focusing mainly on information exchange.

Although the security situation in the Black Sea region remains fragile and complex and, consequently, the Document is not implemented in its full capacity, the Participating States continue to believe in its value, relevance and contribution to regional security and stability and they will continue to act in that regard.

The participating States noted that their meeting took place on the eve of the 15th anniversary of the approval of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea that had been adopted in Kiev, Ukraine, on 25 April 2002. It was discussed and agreed to consider ideas on specific events devoted to the 15th anniversary of the Document.

The participating States expressed their willingness to continue the implementation of the Document having in mind its potential as an important and vital instrument for enhancing confidence- and security-building and regional security and stability in the Black Sea.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Document, Turkey will assume the next Chairmanship in 2017.

Madam Chairperson, I would like to ask you to attach the text of this statement to the journal of today's plenary meeting.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Madam Chairperson,

In connection with the statement made by the distinguished representative of the Russian Federation as Chair of the 14th annual consultations on the review of the implementation of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea, which took place on 17 November 2016 in Vienna under the chairmanship of the Russian Federation, the Delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following statement.

The Chair's statement and summary of the 14th annual consultations on the review of the implementation of the Document on Naval CSBMs does not reflect the actual course of the debate which took place during the consultations within the framework of the Document.

Respecting the opinions of the majority of the Black Sea countries expressed during our preliminary consultations, the Ukrainian side decided to take part in the 14th annual consultations in the hope that that event would help in making an objective assessment of the security situation in the Black Sea, to increase the efficiency of the existing forms of co-operation and to develop new and more effective ones among the Black Sea littoral States.

Unfortunately, we have to note once again that the consultations with the participation and under the chairmanship of the Russian Federation turned out to be unproductive and even senseless. The Russian side refuses to recognize the obvious. The illegal occupation and attempted annexation by the Russian Federation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which, according to international norms and principles as well as common international understanding, remain an integral part of Ukraine, constitute a flagrant violation of the basic norms and principles of international law, as well as of the provisions of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea.

During the well-known hostile actions against Ukraine, the Russian Federation Navy and Special Forces have seized Ukrainian warships and vessels, a substantial number of other weapons and military equipment, which has not been returned to Ukraine, occupied Ukrainian naval bases, and other sites and infrastructure of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

The Russian aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of the Crimea and Sevastopol has not just violated the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, but also undermined European security as a whole and continues to imperil regional and global peace and stability. Due to these aggressive actions the security situation in the Black Sea region has significantly deteriorated. Russia continues to actively militarize the Crimea and the Black Sea.

Regrettably, we have to acknowledge that the co-operation and confidence-building mechanisms in the naval field in the Black Sea provided for in the Document on Naval CSBMs have demonstrated the ineffectiveness of the Document and have not helped to prevent or resolve the grave developments in the region.

The Ukrainian side calls on Russia to fully abide by its international obligations, to stop its aggression against Ukraine and to reverse the illegal occupation and attempted annexation of the Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, as well as to return captured Ukrainian armaments, military equipment, vessels and infrastructure. For its part, Ukraine will continue to implement the provisions of the Document on Naval CSBMs, taking the aggression of the Russian Federation into consideration, and within its capabilities and resources.

Madam Chairperson, I would like to ask you to attach this statement to the journal of today's plenary meeting.

I thank you, Madam Chairperson.