

Chairmanship: Norway

798th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 30 September 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Kvile

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE ON THE “UNSCR 1540
REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION: COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE OSCE AND THE IAEA”

Presentation by Ms. R. Evans, Senior Nuclear Security Officer, Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, International Atomic Energy Agency: Chairperson, Ms. R. Evans (FSC.DEL/177/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/180/15), Spain (Annex 1), Romania, United States of America, Russian Federation, Armenia, FSC Chairperson’s Co-ordinator on Non-Proliferation Issues (Belarus) (FSC.DEL/182/15 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE DATE OF THE 2015 MEETING OF
THE HEADS OF VERIFICATION CENTRES

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 5/15 (FSC.DEC/5/15) on the date of the 2015 Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex 2) (FSC.DEL/179/15), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/181/15), United States of America, Russian Federation, United Kingdom*
- (b) *Briefing on a military exercise conducted in the Russian Federation from 14 to 20 September 2015: Russian Federation*

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Briefing on the 68th meeting of the OSCE Communications Group, held on 23 September 2015: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (b) *Matters of protocol: Albania, Chairperson, Azerbaijan*
- (c) *Possible visit to the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine: Austria (also on behalf of Belgium, Ireland and Spain) (FSC.DEL/178/15 OSCE+), Chairperson, Ukraine, Russian Federation*
- (d) *Fact-finding trip by the Conflict Prevention Centre to Germany in relation to the project on cleaning up the explosive remnants of war in Ukraine, conducted from 14 to 18 September 2015: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)*
- (e) *Planned co-ordination and assistance mechanism meeting with representatives of the Ukrainian Ministry of Infrastructure, to be held in October 2015: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 7 October 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Annex 1

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FSC Journal No. 804, Agenda item 1

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

Mr. Chairperson,

Spain aligns itself fully with the statement by the European Union and at the same time would like to make a statement of its own.

My country, which currently holds the chairmanship of the 1540 Committee, welcomes the inclusion on the agenda of this meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) of this security dialogue on non-proliferation and resolution 1540.

Spain is fully committed to efforts to create a safer world, free of threats posed by weapons of mass destruction in the hands of non-State actors or terrorist groups and their inherent disastrous potential. The full implementation of resolution 1540 and the contribution we can make from this Organization are essential for this aim to be achieved.

In his statement to this distinguished Forum on 20 May this year, Ambassador Oyarzun, permanent representative of Spain to the United Nations and chairperson of the 1540 Committee, emphasized the important role that regional organizations like ours play as catalysts in the implementation of resolution 1540 and invited the OSCE to make a substantive contribution to the Comprehensive Review of the resolution to be carried out next year.

The FSC decision of 22 July 2015 called on us to support the global efforts undertaken by the 1540 Committee, strengthen the OSCE's support in facilitating the implementation of resolution 1540 by participating States and further promote experience sharing on national progress, lessons learned and effective practices.

The regional approach is very important for raising awareness and communicating resolution 1540's principles and objectives. At the same time, the OSCE has acquired a good deal of experience and efficiency in aspects of resolution 1540 such as arms control, border management and the prevention of terrorism.

For that reason, Spain would like to suggest the establishment of a Group of Friends of Resolution 1540 to help the FSC in its task of providing policy guidance in preparing the OSCE's contribution to the Comprehensive Review next year. This group, which would have

a defined duration and mandate and would be open, naturally, to all participating States, would make use of the great experience of the participating States in the drafting and implementation of voluntary National Action Plans for resolution 1540 and of the OSCE Secretariat in assisting participating States in their implementation of these Plans and in compiling directories of National Points of Contact on resolution 1540. The existence of this Group of Friends would also permit the sharing of information on national progress, lessons learned and good practices, which would be useful in preparing for the Comprehensive Review.

As you know, the 1540 Committee has organized the Comprehensive Review around four strands of work:

1. Collection of all public information available to analyse the status of the implementation of the resolution and to identify key trends in its implementation since 2009;
2. Analysis of the functioning of the 1540 assistance mechanism and identification of possible improvements;
3. Improvement of co-operation with international organizations, identifying better methods for involving regional organizations in strengthening the networks of Points of Contact for resolution 1540;
4. Involvement of States, parliamentarians and civil society, including academia, industry and professional associations, through publications and electronic means so as to build a large network including, in an appropriate way, civil society.

Resolution 1540 is essentially a collaborative effort and can therefore be effective only if States collaborate among themselves in its implementation at the bilateral, subregional and regional levels. For that reason, we believe that the OSCE can make a substantive contribution to the Comprehensive Review process in the four strands of work, particularly the third area regarding the identification of better methods for co-operation between regional organizations.

We believe that the Group of Friends of Resolution 1540 would help the OSCE to contribute its valuable experience to the Comprehensive Review process and demonstrate the important work that regional organizations such as ours can perform in the implementation of resolution 1540.

Mr. Chairperson, I should like to thank you again for including this highly topical issue in the FSC agenda and request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. 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 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".

The Russian Federation is now in breach of such fundamental principles of the Helsinki Final Act as sovereign equality and respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty, refraining from the threat or use of force, inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity of States, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-intervention in internal affairs, and fulfilment in good faith of obligations in international law.

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the 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, Mr. Chairperson.



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**DECISION No. 5/15
DATE OF THE 2015 MEETING OF THE HEADS OF
VERIFICATION CENTRES**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming that the OSCE Vienna Document 2011 (VD 2011) remains a key instrument for confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs), and noting that the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) provides an important forum for discussing the implementation of agreed measures under the provisions of the VD 2011,

Taking note of the discussions conducted and views expressed during the twenty-fifth AIAM,

Recalling that the aim of the Meeting of Heads of Verification Centres is to exchange experiences and information on technical aspects of the implementation of agreed measures under the provisions of the VD 2011,

Decides:

1. To call for a Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres to be held in Vienna on 15 December 2015;
2. To task the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) to prepare and chair the Meeting;
3. To task the CPC to report on the Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres at the opening session of the twenty-sixth AIAM.