

**Chairmanship: Poland**

**817th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 27 April 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Bugajski

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: SECURITY ISSUES IN THE  
BALTIC SEA REGION

– *Mr. O. Kverno, Dean of the Royal Danish Defence College, Copenhagen*

– *Ms. M. Kosiura-Kaźmierska, Deputy Director, Security Policy Department,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland*

Chairperson, Mr. O. Kverno, Ms. M. Kosiura-Kaźmierska,  
Netherlands-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/76/16), United States of America, Russian  
Federation

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON ENABLING THE PROVISION OF  
ASSISTANCE TO OSCE PARTNERS FOR  
CO-OPERATION USING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN  
THE OSCE DOCUMENTS ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT  
WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL  
AMMUNITION

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 2/16 (FSC.DEC/2/16) on enabling the provision of assistance to OSCE Partners for Co-operation using procedures outlined in the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America

Agenda item 3: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/75/16), Netherlands-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, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/77/16), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex)

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, held on 21 April 2016 (FSC.DEL/74/16 Restr.):* FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Czech Republic)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 4 May 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**817th Plenary Meeting**

FSC Journal No. 823, Agenda item 3

**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.



**817th Plenary Meeting**

FSC Journal No. 823, Agenda item 2

**DECISION No. 2/16  
ENABLING THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO OSCE PARTNERS  
FOR CO-OPERATION USING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE  
OSCE DOCUMENTS ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS  
AND STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recognizing the risks and challenges to the OSCE area caused by excess accumulation of small arms and light weapons (SALW), stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA), explosive material and detonating devices in surplus and/or awaiting destruction,

Recognizing the benefit of providing participating States, on a voluntary basis, with international assistance (technical, human resources and/or financial) to address those risks,

Recalling Annex VI of the OSCE Document on SALW, Decision No. 11/09 on the update of FSC Decision No. 15/02 on expert advice in implementation of Section V, “Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation”,

Recalling the Astana Commemorative Declaration (2010) in which the participating States recognized “that the security of the OSCE area is inextricably linked to that of adjacent areas, notably in the Mediterranean and in Asia” and noted the need to enhance the level of interaction with the Partners for Co-operation,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/14 which tasked the FSC to explore ways to enhance outreach to the OSCE Partners for Co-operation on issues related to SALW and SCA,

Recalling the Ministerial Declaration on Co-operation with the Mediterranean Partners (MC.DOC/9/14) in which the participating States welcomed the wide range of concrete and results-oriented co-operation initiated between the OSCE Secretariat and the Mediterranean Partners, across all three dimensions of security and called for their continuation and potential expansion and diversification,

Recalling the Ministerial Declaration on Co-operation with the Asian Partners (MC.DOC/10/14) in which the participating States renewed their commitment to deepen and expand the dialogue and co-operation with the Asian Partners,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 812 on establishment of a Partnership Fund and its decision-making process,

Noting the interest of practical assistance from OSCE Partners for Co-operation in the area of SALW and SCA,

Decides to:

1. Enable the provision of assistance by the OSCE participating States and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), on a voluntary basis, to the OSCE Partners for Co-operation using the procedures outlined in the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011), in accordance with the Annexes thereto;
2. Adopt an FSC decision prior to implementing any SALW and SCA activities outside the OSCE region with an OSCE Partner for Co-operation, noting that a request for assistance has been submitted;
3. Invite the OSCE Partners for Co-operation to voluntarily comply with the norms and standards contained in the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011);
4. Invite the OSCE participating States to consider, on a voluntary basis, and in co-operation with other international organizations and institutions, providing technical, financial and consultative assistance for projects on SALW and SCA in response to requests from OSCE Partners for Co-operation;
5. Annex this decision to the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011) and publish it with them.