

Chairmanship: Croatia

517th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 6 June 2007

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 11.15 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. V. Matek

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on Missile Defence in Europe: Russian assessments, by Mr. E. Buzhinsky, Chief of the International Treaties Department and Mr. E. Ilyin, Chief of Division of the International Treaties Department, Main Directorate of International Military Co-operation, Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation: Chairperson, Russian Federation, Mr. E. Ilyin (FSC.DEL/294/07 OSCE+), United States of America, Czech Republic, Poland, Belarus, Finland

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation placed the decision on the agenda and modalities of the eighteenth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal, under a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on Wednesday, 13 June 2007, at 12 noon CET.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON A MEETING OF THE HEADS OF
VERIFICATION CENTRES AT THE EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation placed the decision on a meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres at the eighteenth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal, under a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on Wednesday, 13 June 2007, at 12 noon CET.

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol:* Finland, Chairperson, United States of America, Switzerland

- (b) *Introduction of a food-for-thought paper on measures to improve the electronic distribution and filing of FSC-related exchanges of information (FSC.DEL/293/07 OSCE+):* Finland, Chairperson, United States of America, Switzerland

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 27 June 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

517th Plenary Meeting

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**DECISION ON THE
AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING, SUBJECT
TO A SILENCE PROCEDURE EXPIRING ON WEDNESDAY,
13 JUNE 2007, AT 12 NOON CET**

4 and 5 March 2008

Vienna Document 1999:

- (148) *The participating States will hold each year a meeting to discuss the present and future implementation of agreed CSBMs. Discussion may extend to:*
- (148.1) — *Clarification of questions arising from such implementation;*
- (148.2) — *Operation of agreed measures, including the use of additional equipment during inspections and evaluation visits;*
- (148.3) — *Implications of all information originating from the implementation of any agreed measures for the process of confidence- and security-building in the framework of the OSCE.*
- (150) *The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will hold such meetings. It will consider, as required, suggestions made during the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs.*

I. Agenda and indicative timetable**Tuesday, 4 March 2008**

- 10–10.45 a.m. Opening session
- Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson;
 - Remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC;
 - Presentation of a summary report by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC);

- Presentation of the report by the CPC on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres.
- 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Working session 1: Implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 and Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI): Clarification, assessment and conclusions
- Vienna Document 1999:
 - Annual exchange of military information;
 - Defence planning;
 - Risk reduction;
 - Military activities:
 - (i) Prior notification of certain military activities;
 - (ii) Annual calendars;
 - (iii) Constraining provisions;
 - (iv) Observation of certain military activities;
 - Contacts;
 - Evaluation;
 - Inspection;
 - Regional measures;
 - Communications Network;
 - GEMI.
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1 (continued)

Wednesday, 5 March 2008

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2: Operation and implementation of other FSC-agreed measures/documents: Clarification, assessment and conclusions
- Principles governing conventional arms transfers;
 - Principles governing non-proliferation;
 - Stabilizing measures for localized crisis situations;
 - Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines;
 - Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security;
 - OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW);
 - OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition;
 - Principles for export controls of MANPADS;
 - Principles on the control of brokering in SALW;
 - Standard elements of end-user certificates and verification procedures for SALW exports.
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break

- 3–4.30 p.m. Working session 3: Suggestions aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs
- 5–6 p.m. Closing session
- Working session reports;
 - Discussion;
 - Concluding remarks;
 - Agenda and dates of the 2009 AIAM;
 - Closure.

II. Organizational modalities

1. The AIAM will last two days and will have opening and closing sessions, as well as working sessions, dealing with the topics contained in the agenda (I). The indicative timetable provides more detail.

2. The organizational meeting of chairpersons, co-ordinators, rapporteurs, and the CPC will be held on 3 March 2008 at 3 p.m.

The working hours of the AIAM will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

3. Interpretation into the OSCE official languages will be provided at all sessions of the AIAM.

4. The sessions will be chaired by representatives of the participating States, in rotation, in accordance with the French alphabetical order, following on from the chairing of the closing plenary meeting of the 2007 AIAM by Belarus. The chair of the opening session and working sessions will be held by Belgium. The chair of the closing session will be held by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

5. Debates in the working sessions will be oriented towards problems and solutions and there will be no formal statements. Any national statements for the opening session should be presented in written form only and are to be distributed in advance. The working sessions are designed to be very informal meetings of national experts with the objectives of answering questions, exchanging information and allowing for constructive debate between participating States. Delegations are strongly encouraged to provide detailed explanations and concrete examples of their own implementation experiences. Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the Meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. All delegations are strongly encouraged to provide national experts to participate in the AIAM.

6. The CPC will circulate the revised Annual Survey on CSBM Information Exchanged and the AIAM Survey of Suggestions 2007, no later than 13 February 2008. By the same date, the CPC will in addition circulate a summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document 1999 and other measures. These will serve as a basis for preparatory work by delegations and co-ordinators. In particular, the co-ordinators should focus on suggestions which might be supported by delegations.

7. Working session 1 will have two designated co-ordinators and two rapporteurs while working sessions 2 and 3 will have one co-ordinator and one rapporteur. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate the discussion, while the task of the rapporteurs will be to present an oral report to the closing session.
8. The co-ordinators will circulate a list of topics and questions for facilitating the discussion in their working sessions. They will be supported by the CPC in this regard. They will ensure that all relevant areas are addressed.
9. During the first part of the closing session, the rapporteur from each working session will give an oral report to the delegates on the issues that were addressed during the sessions. This report should include problem areas, improvements in implementation accomplished by OSCE participating States, suggestions for further improvement, and any other relevant information. Delegations are encouraged to comment on or add to the reports presented by the rapporteurs.
10. Delegations that have volunteers to act as co-ordinators or/and rapporteurs for the working sessions should provide the names of the individuals to the Chairperson of the FSC as soon as possible, but no later than 12 February 2008. The names of the co-ordinators and rapporteurs for each working session will be made known to all delegations no later than 14 February 2008.
11. During the first FSC plenary meeting following the AIAM, the Chairperson of the closing session will report on the AIAM to the FSC and provide the Chairperson's report together with the reports of the rapporteurs of the working sessions. Within a month after the AIAM the CPC will circulate a written report on suggestions made during the Meeting aimed at improving the implementation of CSBMs.
12. The approach recommended in order to ensure the most productive discussion in the FSC when the participating States consider, as required, suggestions for improvement of the implementation of CSBMs made during the Meeting, is for delegations to bring forward suggestions or topics of interest by means of food-for-thought papers. Discussions on initial papers could lead to further work in the FSC.
13. Before the conclusion of the eighteenth AIAM, the participating States will agree upon the agenda and dates for the AIAM in 2009. Lack of agreement will not constitute sufficient reason to extend the Meeting, unless otherwise agreed. The agenda and dates may, if necessary, be agreed between Meetings.
14. The Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend all sessions of the 2008 AIAM.



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The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming that the OSCE Vienna Document 1999 (VD99) 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 VD99,

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 reaction to the dedicated session for the Heads of Verification Centres held during the seventeenth AIAM,

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

Decides:

1. To call for a meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres on the afternoon of 3 March 2008, prior to the eighteenth AIAM;
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 previous year;

— Exchange of views on scheduled activities under VD99;

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