

**60th JOINT MEETING OF THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION
AND THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

1. Date: Monday, 13 July 2015

Opened: 3.35 p.m.
Closed: 4.55 p.m.
2. Chairperson: Ambassador S. Milačić (FSC) (Montenegro)
Ambassador V. Žugić (PC) (Serbia)
3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: UPDATE BY THE CHIEF MONITOR OF THE OSCE
SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Chairperson (PC), Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (PC.FR/26/15 OSCE+), 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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino, and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC-PC.DEL/4/15), Russian Federation, Turkey (FSC-PC.DEL/7/15 OSCE+), Switzerland, United States of America (FSC-PC.DEL/5/15), Canada, Norway, Austria (also on behalf of Belgium, Ireland and Spain) (Annex), Belarus (FSC-PC.DEL/8/15 OSCE+), Ukraine (FSC-PC.DEL/6/15 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Informal meeting on the status of the small arms and light weapons project in Belarus, to be held on 14 July 2015:* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)

- (b) *Appeal to complete a survey conducted by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research on end use/r control by the participating States of the OSCE: Chairperson (FSC)*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF AUSTRIA
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF BELGIUM, IRELAND AND SPAIN)**

Mr. and Madam Chairpersons,

This statement is made on behalf of Belgium, Ireland, Spain and my own delegation. We fully align ourselves with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU.

I will start by welcoming Ambassador Apakan and thank him for his comprehensive briefing on the implementation of the mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) and the latest developments in Ukraine. We express our thanks to the FSC Chair and the Chairmanship-in-Office for convening a joint FSC/PC meeting on this important matter. This goes in line with the Bucharest Ministerial Council decision of 2001 providing guidance on the interaction that can take place between the FSC and the PC in the context of the first dimension of the OSCE.

We certainly reconfirm our support and commitment to the OSCE SMM to Ukraine and its mandate as well as our support to the Minsk agreements.

The FSC in our opinion can contribute to the implementation of the SMM mandate especially in the field of risk reduction, conflict resolution and verification. The Forum is mandated to deal with a wide range of politico-military issues. These are amongst others traditional security between and within States, arms control and CSBMs, diverse threats deriving from the trafficking of all weapons and ammunition, the physical security and management of such stores, de-mining operations and the identification of military equipment. The Forum can further examine violations to the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

Resources available within the FSC, including diplomatic and military expertise, could be better used across the remit of the first dimension, particularly in the context of the current situation in Ukraine. This expertise can also help to harness and co-ordinate the support that participating States might provide to the SMM to Ukraine. This has already occurred with a number of initiatives that serve to support the monitors.

Our debate within the FSC has largely focussed on national positions, with little scope available for genuine politico-military debate. In addition to the SMM reports we see the need for more situational awareness for the FSC in order to better support the mission.

Mr. and Madam Chairpersons,

In this context we believe that a visit to the SMM by representatives of the FSC would serve to improve the Forum's situational awareness, as well as allowing a meaningful exchange with the SMM on the type of assistance that participating States, also through the FSC, can render towards the overall achievement of the mission. We therefore would appreciate that such a visit now be considered further.

Ambassador Apakan, in the light of this statement, we would be grateful to hear any thoughts you might have on how the FSC could further assist the SMM in the implementation of the Minsk agreements.

I ask this statement to be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. and Madam Chairpersons.