

Chairmanship: Slovakia

878th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 7 March 2018

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč

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

Agenda item 1: **DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE SEVENTH ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 2/18 (FSC.DEC/2/18) on the agenda, timetable and modalities for the seventh Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Slovenia (Annex 1), FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Montenegro)

Agenda item 2: **REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING**

Chairperson, Liechtenstein

Agenda item 3: SECURITY DIALOGUE: “MILITARY CO-OPERATION OF
VISEGRAD GROUP COUNTRIES”

- *Presentation by Mr. G. Rábai, Head of Defence Policy Section, Defence Policy Department, Ministry of Defence, Hungary*
- *Presentation by Mr. B. Kuchta, Defence Policy Director, International Relations Department, Ministry of Defence, Slovakia*

Chairperson, Mr. G. Rábai (FSC.DEL/42/18 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/42/18/Add.1 OSCE+), Mr. B. Kuchta (FSC.DEL/43/18 OSCE+), Bulgaria-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; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/47/18), Romania (FSC.DEL/45/18 OSCE+), Czech Republic, Poland, United States of America

Agenda item 4: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *International Women’s Day, celebrated on 8 March 2018*: Slovenia (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (Annex 2), FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Italy)
- (b) *Status of implementation of the programme for the destruction of chemical weapons in the Russian Federation*: Russian Federation, United Kingdom
- (c) *Briefing on the military exercise “Trident Juncture 2018”*: Norway (FSC.DEL/50/18 OSCE+), United States of America
- (d) *Financial contribution to projects in the OSCE area*: Germany (Annex 3), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Lights Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), Bosnia and Herzegovina
- (e) *Situation in and around Ukraine*: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/46/18 OSCE+), Bulgaria-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/49/18/Rev.1), Canada, United States of America, Russian Federation

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Issuance of a corrigendum to FSC Decision No. 1/18 on the best practice guide on deactivation of small arms and light weapons (FSC.DEC/1/18/Corr.1): Chairperson*
- (b) *Draft letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the dates of the 2018 Annual Security Review Conference: Chairperson*
- (c) *Evaluation visit to Georgia under the Vienna Document, conducted on 28 February 2018: Czech Republic, Georgia*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 14 March 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SLOVENIA

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to thank you for placing this decision on the agenda of today's meeting. I would also like to thank all the participating States for their flexibility and co-operation.

Let me also use this opportunity to inform the participating States that we intend to organize a side event on the afternoon of Tuesday, 12 June, the day before the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, during the Slovenian Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation.

Together with our co-sponsors, the Swiss Confederation and Germany, we are planning to organize a panel discussion on the role of private military security companies, including matters related to the human rights perspective. In this connection, I would like to inform you that this year Slovenia is chairing the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Please take this statement as a save-the-date notice. Formal invitations will follow in due course.

Mr. Chairperson,

I would appreciate it if you would attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SLOVENIA
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA,
BELGIUM, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, BULGARIA, CANADA,
CROATIA, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, ESTONIA,
FINLAND, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA,
GEORGIA, GERMANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, ICELAND, IRELAND,
ITALY, KAZAKHSTAN, LIECHTENSTEIN, LITHUANIA,
LUXEMBOURG, MALTA, MONACO, MONGOLIA, MONTENEGRO,
THE NETHERLANDS, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, SERBIA,
SLOVAKIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY,
UKRAINE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)**

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to address the Forum for Security Co-operation in my capacity as the Chairperson of the OSCE MenEngage Network. Its aim is to enlist the crucial support and contribution of men in promoting women's rights. I am, therefore, pleased to be able to speak also on behalf of the United Kingdom, Sweden and Iceland, as previous OSCE MenEngage Chairmanships, as well as of Austria, Finland, Kazakhstan and Turkey, as initiators of the OSCE-Wide Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. I am equally glad that Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United States also support this statement.

Mr. Chairperson,

Tomorrow is International Women's Day. It has been observed for more than a century and it reminds us both of the accomplishments and challenges that still remain in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment. One of these challenges is ensuring equal participation and full involvement of women in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, as envisioned by the landmark United Nations Security Council resolution 1325. This means, *inter alia*, increasing the representation of women at all

decision-making levels in regional institutions for conflict management; expanding the role of women in field operations, including as military observers; incorporating a gender perspective in conflict resolution; and taking special measures to prevent gender-based violence.

The OSCE and its participating States are ideally positioned to implement this ambitious vision in practice. Not only is the OSCE the largest regional security organization in the world, but it also has a comprehensive concept of security which allows for a cross-dimensional approach to gender mainstreaming. It is therefore only fair to ask ourselves how well are we doing. The short answer is that we could do better. While more than half of the OSCE Secretariat is composed of women, they occupy one third of senior management positions. Of the 15 field operations, four are headed by women. In the largest of these OSCE presences on the ground, women represent 28 per cent of the mission's staff and account for 16 per cent of its monitors. As for the participating States themselves, the data is similar, with the percentage of women in the military hovering in the teens or lower.

These figures confirm that while progress has been made, more needs to be done. The reasons for this are both obvious and compelling. Empirical evidence shows that greater attention to gender equality issues results not only in an enhancement of overall situational awareness, but also in better advice being given to decision makers. This is because a higher representation of women broadens the range of skills and capacities at the Organization's disposal. Including more women in leadership roles can also help improve its image, accessibility and credibility.

Mr. Chairperson,

International Women's Day is therefore a welcome reminder of the relevance of the gender perspective for the OSCE's first dimension and of the need to take further steps to mainstream gender in our work. In this context, it is important to remember that equality between women and men concerns us all and that the call to action is a collective responsibility. Men also, in partnership with women, need to become actively involved in achieving progress. As demonstrated by the second Gender Equality Review Conference, men need to challenge the lingering gender stereotypes not only because it is the right thing to do, but also because it is the smart thing to do. Involving both women and men in actions to promote peace and security yields a more effective response to the different security risks, needs and priorities, and at the same time contributes to increasing operational effectiveness. Moreover, because not only women but also men involved in peace and security processes need to combine family obligations with work responsibilities, steps should be taken to enable them to do this.

Mr. Chairperson,

In light of the above, I would like to use this opportunity to call once again for the adoption of an OSCE-Wide Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, as initiated by Austria, Finland, Kazakhstan and Turkey in 2013. The draft Action Plan does not seek to create new commitments for the OSCE participating States but, rather, to enhance our tools to implement for implementing the commitments already existing in this field.

I would also like to welcome two of the recent activities of the OSCE executive structures. One is the OSCE National Action Plan Academy organized by the Gender Section in October. The other is the OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security in-person training course hosted by the Conflict Prevention Centre and the UNODA in February. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to address the talented young women who took part in it.

As for the OSCE MenEngage Network, let me say that it will continue to make use of this forum as a highly relevant platform for addressing the disproportionate impact of conflicts on women and girls. It will also support the OSCE in continuing to mainstream gender throughout its programmatic activities, through needs assessments and project implementation and by measuring the positive impact those projects have on women and girls.

Finally, I would like to ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you.



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Annex 3

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY

Mr. Chairperson,
Esteemed colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you today that Germany has decided to make funds available from the OSCE SALW and SCA Repository Programme for the safety of ammunition storage sites and the destruction of hazardous ammunition for the project in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Furthermore, we are supporting the OSCE side event during the Third Review Conference on the United Nations Programme of Action from 19 to 23 March 2018.

Specifically, the funding concerns the following projects:

- 200,000 euros for the “Safety and Security Upgrade of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites Project (SAFE-UP)”;
- 19,000 euros for “Promoting the OSCE’s efforts in combating illicit trafficking in SALW, in particular, the deactivation of SALW”.

We are convinced that by funding such projects we are helping to safeguard the OSCE environment.

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



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878th Plenary Meeting

FSC Journal No. 884, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 2/18
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE SEVENTH
ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY
ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling FSC Decision No. 12/11 on an annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Recalling the importance of the Code of Conduct and taking into account the provision of paragraph 38 of the Code of Conduct stating that appropriate bodies, mechanisms and procedures will be used to assess, review and improve if necessary the implementation of the Code of Conduct,

Taking into account the deliberations of the Annual Discussions on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct held in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017,

Decides to organize the seventh Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct, which is to take place on 13 June 2018 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annex to this decision.

ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Wednesday, 13 June 2018

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| 10–10.30 a.m. | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Opening and introduction by the FSC Chairperson– Remarks by the OSCE Secretariat representative– General statements |
| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Working session 1: Sharing of views on the implementation of the Code of Conduct in the context of the existing political and military situation <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by session moderator– Keynote speakers– Discussion– Moderator’s closing remarks |
| 3–5 p.m. | Working session 2: Evaluation discussion on the implementation and effectiveness of the Code of Conduct including the 2018 annual exchange of information pursuant to the Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by session moderator– Keynote speaker– Discussion– Moderator’s closing remarks |
| 5–5.15 p.m. | Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Discussion– Concluding remarks– Closure |

II. Organizational modalities

Background

In FSC Decision No. 12/11 it was decided, *inter alia*, to “regularize a focused discussion on implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security by devoting an annual special one-day meeting to the Code of Conduct” and to “invite, as appropriate, representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes to a morning session of this meeting to share views on implementation, while the following evaluation discussion of the afternoon session of the meeting is to be restricted to participating States.”

The seventh Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will therefore provide opportunities to discuss how to promote and improve the implementation of the Code of Conduct, including its annual information exchange, and to undertake an evaluation discussion and examine the application of the Code of Conduct in the context of the existing political and military situation.

Organization

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will take place on 13 June 2018 in Vienna.

The OSCE Rules of Procedure and standard working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct.

A representative of the FSC Chairmanship (Slovenia) will chair the opening and closing sessions. Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur.

Simultaneous interpretation between all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at all sessions.

The FSC Chair will provide a report on the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct within one month, including a survey of suggestions and recommendations made during the meeting.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to ensure that they are represented at policy and expert level at the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

The OSCE Secretariat, the ODIHR, field operations, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

Only the morning session will be open for the invited representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes.

General guidelines for participants

In accordance with FSC Decision No. 12/11, a report on the implementation of the Code of Conduct prepared by the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE Secretariat will be made available to participating States not later than 6 June 2018.

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will be conducted in two sessions.

The working sessions will concentrate on major topics, which will be introduced by keynote speakers. The introductions shall be followed by discussions of any number of relevant subtopics that delegates may wish to raise. The aim is an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. In order to ensure the most productive discussion when the participating States are considering suggestions made during the meeting, the recommended approach 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.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The introductions given by the keynote speakers should set the scene for the discussion in the sessions and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities. The keynote speakers' contributions should set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions. The available speaking time is approximately 15 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session they are speaking at and be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the opening and working session, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' reports should deal with issues raised during the respective sessions; they should cover lessons learned, best practices, challenges, improvements, and suggestions made at the session, and any other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines on the timing of submitting and distributing written contributions

Participating States and other participants of the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions by 6 June 2018.