

Chairmanship: Serbia

865th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 25 October 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. M. Pančeski

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: “SUB-REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON SUB-REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL, ARTICLE IV, ANNEX 1-B, DAYTON PEACE ACCORDS”

– *Presentation by Ambassador B. Filipović, Assistant Minister for Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia*

– *Presentation by Brigadier General P. Braunstein, Chief of the German Verification Centre*

– *Presentation by Mr. I. Ivanišević, Director General, Directorate General for Multilateral Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro*

Chairperson, Ambassador B. Filipović (FSC.DEL/243/17 OSCE+), Mr. I. Ivanišević (FSC.DEL/241/17 OSCE+), Brigadier General P. Braunstein (FSC.DEL/242/17 OSCE+), Estonia-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, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/239/17), United States of America, Belarus, Russian Federation, Germany

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Financial contributions to the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia (CASM):* Germany (Annex 1), Switzerland (Annex 2), Serbia (Annex 3)

- (b) *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine, Estonia-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 Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/240/17), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 1 November 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY

Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished colleagues,

I am pleased to announce to you today that Germany has decided to provide financing for a project in Serbia from the OSCE SALW and SCA Repository Programme for the destruction of hazardous ammunition.

The financing comprises the following:

25,000 euros for the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia (CASM).

Together with further support from Switzerland of the same amount of 25,000 euros, this should enable the White Phosphorus Filled Ammunition and Napalm Powder project in Serbia to be brought to a conclusion.

It was stated at the small arms and light weapons meeting that a residual amount of 50,000 euros was required to finally complete this project.

Germany and Switzerland believe that their support of this project will make a significant contribution to safeguarding the environment in Serbia and would welcome it if further States were to support other projects in this way.

Mr. Chairperson,

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



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Esteemed colleagues,

As my distinguished German colleague has already mentioned, I have the privilege today of announcing Switzerland's financial support of 25,000 euros for the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia (CASM). Together with Germany we therefore propose in this way to make up the existing shortfall of 50,000 euros required to complete the White Phosphorus Filled Ammunition and Napalm Powder part.

Mr. Chairperson,

The terrible incident at the end of February 2017 in Kragujevac once again demonstrated to all of us how dangerous such stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA) projects can be and how necessary investments in safety are. Thus, when Switzerland was asked to finance this difference together with Germany, we did not hesitate to agree.

Switzerland is convinced that SALW/SCA projects like CASM in Serbia make very important contributions to stability and security in the OSCE area. It therefore remains willing to provide support in the form of financial contributions and through experts in the field and urges other OSCE participating States to consider providing such support themselves.

I thank you for your attention and request that this statement, together with that of my German colleague, be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Mr. Chairperson,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia and on my own behalf, let me thank the delegations of Germany and Switzerland for the information concerning the financial support of 50,000 euros for the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia (CASM) in connection with the disassembling of ammunition, and we express our gratitude to Germany and Switzerland for their generous contribution.

The donor support for this programme by the OSCE participating States is still of great importance for its further implementation. We would like to thank the donor States for their support in upgrading the facilities of the fire-fighting system which will improve security conditions for disassembling ammunition, especially gunpowder.

Also, I want to say that CASM, in addition to its primary objective, contributes to regional security and stability, improving human security and enhancing counter-proliferation measures through the reduction of ammunition surpluses and upgrading storage and overhauling facilities.

The Republic of Serbia highly appreciates the support for the projects from the OSCE participating States. Let me once again thank the distinguished delegations of Germany and Switzerland for their contribution and reaffirm the readiness of Serbia to further co-operate with our OSCE partners in this particular matter in the spirit of openness and transparency.

I thank you for your attention and kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.