

**Chairmanship: Norway**

## **807th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 16 December 2015

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 11.50 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Kvile

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/234/15), Luxembourg-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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/233/15), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation (Annex 2)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE OSCE HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DOCTRINE SEMINAR

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 8/15 (FSC.DEC/8/15) on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities for the OSCE High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Ukraine, Netherlands, France, Denmark

Agenda item 3: CLOSING STATEMENT OF THE NORWEGIAN  
FSC CHAIRMANSHIP BY H.E. ROBERT KVILE,  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY  
CO-OPERATION

Chairperson, Montenegro, Serbia (Annex 3), Netherlands, Belarus

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Financial contribution to the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme (MONDEM) and to the repository programme for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security: Czech Republic (Annex 4), Montenegro (Annex 5)*
- (b) *Thirteenth annual consultations on the review of the implementation of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea, held on 11 December 2015: Romania, Ukraine (FSC.DEL/235/15), Russian Federation*
- (c) *Matters of protocol: Chairperson, Netherlands, Luxembourg-European Union, Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 20 January 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE**

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with today's statement by the Russian delegation on the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (ARC), the delegation of Ukraine wishes to emphasize the following.

International law prohibits the acquisition of part or all of another State's territory through coercion or force. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which remains an integral part of Ukraine, was illegally occupied and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. Illegitimate actions on the part of the Russian Federation do not have any legal consequences with regard to the status of the ARC as an integral part of Ukraine. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders is safeguarded by international law and UN General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, "Territorial integrity of Ukraine".

The Russian Federation is now in breach of such fundamental principles of the Helsinki Final Act as sovereign equality and respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty, refraining from the threat or use of force, inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity of States, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-intervention in internal affairs, and fulfilment in good faith of obligations in international law.

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

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.



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA**

Mr. Chairperson,  
Distinguished colleagues,

I would like to use this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing Norwegian Chairmanship for its determination, dedication and efforts in advancing the Forum's work during the last trimester of 2015, and especially for having steered the negotiations on the FSC draft decisions and declarations, both here in Vienna and at the Belgrade Ministerial Council meeting, in such a proficient and dedicated manner. Our thanks go particularly to Ambassador Kvile for his personal tireless engagement.

I would also like to thank Montenegro for its valuable contribution during this year and to welcome Poland as a new member of the FSC Troika.

Mr. Chairperson,

The work of the Forum is influenced by the current security environment in the OSCE area and in particular by the crisis in and around Ukraine, which is one of the greatest challenges the Organization has faced since its inception 40 years ago. This crisis had a significant impact on the recent Ministerial Council in Belgrade, in particular in connection with the work of the Forum. In spite of all the efforts invested, the Ministerial Council was not able to reach consensus on any deliverable relevant to the work of the FSC. It is therefore clear that now, maybe more than ever, the current security challenges require joint efforts and co-operative measures calculated to achieve a peaceful resolution of the crisis and to contribute to the security and stability of the overall OSCE area and its neighbourhood.

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to stress that the Serbian OSCE Chairmanship continues to attach the greatest importance to the FSC's activities, particularly those directed at the improvement of the implementation of OSCE commitments and CSBMs. We support the efforts aimed at developing, updating and strengthening the instruments of the politico-military dimension so that they meet our co-operative security needs and benefit the participating States.

Before concluding, Mr. Chairperson, let me express our full support for the Netherlands as the incoming FSC Chairmanship.

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the meeting.

With this and with my best wishes to all of you and your families for the forthcoming holidays and for a happy New Year, I thank you very much for your attention.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech authorities are closely following the positive developments in the areas of responsibility of the Forum for Security Co-operation, particularly those related to the implementation of projects on small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA) and to the promotion of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

The Czech Republic attaches great importance to the implementation of SALW/SCA projects in the OSCE area. Following previous contributions, the Czech authorities have decided this year to contribute a further 20,000 euros for the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme (Project No. 2700240).

Promotion of the principles and norms laid down in the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, support for enhanced implementation, and engagement in outreach activities related to the Code of Conduct continue to be important areas of OSCE/FSC work and deserve appropriate attention and assistance from OSCE participating States. Therefore, the Czech authorities have decided to contribute 5,000 euros for the Repository Programme for the OSCE Code of Conduct (Project No. 1101200).

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of this meeting.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MONTENEGRO**

Montenegro is very grateful to the Czech Republic for its considerable and continuous support for the Montenegro Demilitarization (MONDEM) Programme.

A number of donations for MONDEM in recent weeks and the continuous support of some participating States are sufficient proof of the successful work under this programme.

Thanks to those generous donations, we are able to start the planned activities for the fifth sub-phase of phase III of MONDEM, but we will need further support to fully destroy the remaining 426 tons of ordnance and to bring the project successfully to completion. The current shortfall in funding is approximately 600,000 euros.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro and the MONDEM management board will continue to inform participating States in a transparent manner about the spending of donated funds, as well as to closely co-operate with other projects, particularly through the exchange of experience in project management and horizontal co-operation. We are ready to share our experience and expertise in this regard.

Once again I thank the Czech Republic and I would like to remind participating States to continue to support MONDEM and similar projects on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition and thus contribute to the overall safety and stability of the OSCE region.





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**DECISION No. 8/15**  
**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR**  
**THE OSCE HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DOCTRINE SEMINAR**

(Vienna, 16 and 17 February 2016)

The OSCE will hold a High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar (HLMDS) in Vienna on 16 and 17 February 2016, the seventh of its kind within the OSCE, to discuss doctrinal changes and their impact on defence structures in the light of the present European security situation.

This Seminar will be held in accordance with FSC Decision No. 3/15 (FSC.DEC/3/15) dated 1 July 2015. Such seminars are encouraged in the Vienna Document 2011 on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures by fostering the process of transparency, openness, and predictability.

**I. Agenda and timetable**

**Tuesday, 16 February 2016**

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| 10–11 a.m.     | Opening of the Seminar  |
|                | – Opening remarks   |
|                | – Keynote speech  |
| 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | Session 1: Security situation in the OSCE area and operational trends                         |
|                | – Introduction by session moderator   |
|                | – Keynote speakers on subtopics   |
|                | – Assessment of major present security risks, predominant threat perceptions and consequences |
|                | – Changing forms of conflict, operational trends and developments                             |

- Brief introductions by panellists
- Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
- Moderator's closing remarks

3–6 p.m.                      Session 2: Emerging challenges

- Introduction by session moderator
- Keynote speakers on subtopics
  - Analysis of military, technological, economic, environmental factors and their impact on security policy
- Brief introductions by panellists
- Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
- Moderator's closing remarks

**Wednesday, 17 February 2016**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.              Session 3: Review of current/updated national military doctrines

- Introduction by session moderator
- Keynote speakers on subtopics
  - Examples of military doctrines currently under review – contents and process (actors, methods, procedure)
- Brief introductions by panellists
- Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
- Moderator's closing remarks

3–5 p.m.                      Session 4: Implications of doctrinal changes for armed forces and security and defence policy

- Introduction by session moderator
- Keynote speakers on subtopics
  - How will doctrinal changes affect armed forces, their mandates, capabilities, and structures?
  - Implications for security and defence policy including arms control and confidence- and security-building measures

- Brief introductions by panellists
  - Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
  - Moderator's closing remarks
- 5.30–6 p.m. Closing session: Future challenges and areas of activity for the OSCE
- Conclusion and topics identified for further discussion or possible OSCE engagement
  - Closing remarks by Seminar chairperson

## **II. Organizational modalities**

### **Preparation for the Seminar**

The Netherlands, as the incoming Chairmanship of the FSC, will act as the chairmanship of the Seminar.

Chiefs of defence/general staff or other senior officials and relevant academics from participating States will be invited to attend the Seminar. Following appropriate consultations, the Seminar chairperson will invite relevant international organizations, institutions and personalities. The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to attend the Seminar.

The Seminar chairperson will nominate a moderator and a rapporteur for each session. The Seminar chairperson will also select keynote speakers and panellists for each session from among the names proposed by participating States.

Keynote speakers will be requested to submit their presentation for circulation to delegations no later than Monday, 25 January 2016.

A final preparatory meeting will be organized on 15 February 2016 between the FSC Troika, moderators, keynote speakers, rapporteurs and panellists to discuss in detail the conduct of the Seminar and how to best to manage it to achieve the desired results.

The Secretariat, in accordance with its departmental responsibilities, will support the Seminar chairperson in administrative and budgetary preparations for the Seminar.

A night owl session, buffet lunches and an evening cocktail reception might be organized by the OSCE/FSC Chairmanships.

Other necessary organizational arrangements will be dealt with by Working Group B of the FSC.

## **Conduct of the Seminar**

A key objective of the Seminar is to have interactive dialogue inspired by the keynote speakers and panellists. Therefore delegations are encouraged not to read out prepared general statements during the Seminar.

Each working session will be introduced by the session moderator, followed by presentations by up to two keynote speakers (up to fifteen minutes each), after which discussion will take place. The debate will be stimulated by appropriate interventions from up to four panellists per session (up to five minutes each). Interventions from the floor will be very welcome and should be limited to a maximum of three minutes per speaker. In order to ensure the effective conduct of the Seminar, the moderator of each session will facilitate and focus the discussions and stimulate an interactive debate by introducing questions related to the topics dealt with by that session or by reordering the sequence of interventions. The moderator is also responsible for ensuring equal access to the floor and for providing all participants with the opportunity to intervene within the established time frame of the session. During each session, the moderator may adjust time limits depending on the number of requests for the floor and the time available. Speakers who exceed the time limits will be notified by the moderator.

Prior to the closing session of the Seminar, each rapporteur, after appropriate consultation with the relevant session moderator, will submit a brief report to the Seminar chairperson covering the issues addressed during their respective working sessions.

On the basis of the reports provided by the rapporteurs for each of the four sessions, the Seminar chairperson will present a summary report of the discussions (after the completion of the Seminar) that will be brought to the attention of the FSC.

Interpretation will be provided between the official languages of the OSCE.

Rooms for informal meetings will be provided.

Other OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will, *mutatis mutandis*, be applied to the Seminar.