

**Chairmanship: Netherlands**

## 814th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 16 March 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador D. Kopmels

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Situation in and around Ukraine*: Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/56/16), Netherlands-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 Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/55/16), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 2), Turkey

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE FIFTH 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. 1/16 (FSC.DEC/1/16) on the agenda, timetable and modalities for the fifth 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.

Agenda item 3: PRESENTATION BY THE ITALIAN CHAIR OF THE  
CLOSING SESSION OF THE 2016 ANNUAL  
IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson, Italy, Netherlands-European Union, United States of America,  
Russian Federation

Agenda item 4: CLOSING STATEMENT OF THE DUTCH  
FSC CHAIRMANSHIP BY AMBASSADOR  
DESIRÉE KOPMELS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION

Chairperson (FSC.DEL/58/16 OSCE+), Poland, Norway (FSC.DEL/57/16),  
Portugal

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol*: Chairperson
- (b) *Financial contributions to projects on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition and on the disposal of hazardous chemicals*: Germany (Annex 3), Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)
- (c) *Fifth Moscow Conference on International Security, to be held on 27 and 28 April 2016*: Russian Federation

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 13 April 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**814th Plenary Meeting**

FSC Journal No. 820, Agenda item 1

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE**

Madam 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 by military force 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".

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the illegal occupation and 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, Madam Chairperson.



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**814th Plenary Meeting**

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

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



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY**

Madam Chairperson,

I am pleased to inform you today that the Federal Republic of Germany will finance several projects in 2016 in the field of small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA) as well as the disposal of hazardous chemicals.

In the field of SALW and SCA, we will once again support the Project for the Security Upgrade of Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina (SECUP) this year with a contribution of 250,000 euros. We will also support the continuation of the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management in Serbia with a contribution of 134,540 euros and likewise the continuation of the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme (MONDEM) with a contribution of 100,000 euros.

In the field of the disposal of hazardous chemicals, the Federal Republic of Germany will also contribute 122,000 euros in 2016 to support a project for the disposal of hazardous chemicals in Albania.

We are convinced of the importance of all these projects and are happy to make a contribution to strengthening security in these countries.

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



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**814th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1/16  
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE FIFTH  
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 and 2015,

Decides to organize the fifth Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct, which is to take place on 22 June 2016 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, 22 June 2016**

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| 10–10.30 a.m.     | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Opening and introduction by the FSC Chairperson</li><li>– Remarks by the OSCE Secretariat representative</li><li>– General statements</li></ul>  |
| 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 (inter-State/intra-State paragraphs – split session?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Introduction by session moderator</li><li>– Keynote speakers</li><li>– Discussion</li><li>– Moderator’s closing remarks</li></ul> |
| 3–4.45 p.m.       | Working session 2: Evaluation discussion on the implementation and effectiveness of the Code of Conduct including the 2016 annual exchange of information pursuant to the Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Introduction by session moderator</li><li>– Keynote speaker</li><li>– Discussion</li><li>– Moderator’s closing remarks</li></ul>                 |
| 4.45–5 p.m.       | Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Discussion</li><li>– Concluding remarks</li><li>– Closure</li></ul>  |

## **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 fifth 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 22 June 2016 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 (Poland) 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 15 June 2016.

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will be conducted in four 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 15 June 2016.