

**Chairmanship: Monaco****763rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 17 September 2014

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 3.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Giordan

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: CODE OF CONDUCT

*Presentations on:*

- *Civil and Political Rights of Armed Forces Personnel, by Mr. M. G. Link, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)*
- *The Position of Women in the French Ministry of Defence, by Ms. F. Gaudin, Senior Civil Servant for Equality of Rights*

Chairperson, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/46/14 OSCE+), Ms. F. Gaudin (FSC.DEL/147/14 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/147/14/Add.1 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/147/14/Add.2 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/147/14/Add.3 OSCE+), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/151/14), Finland (Annex 1), Switzerland (Annex 2), FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military

Aspects of Security (Germany), United States of America, Turkey, Canada, Armenia, Croatia

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/149/14), Italy-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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/153/14), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation, Austria, Germany, Italy-European Union (FSC.DEL/152/14), Netherlands, United Kingdom, Switzerland

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Distribution of the monthly report on major implementation activities of the Conflict Prevention Centre, covering the period 1 to 31 August 2014 (FSC.GAL/99/14 Restr.):* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) *Introductory briefing for new delegates to the FSC, to be held on 29 September 2014:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Matters of protocol:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) *Contact visit under the Vienna Document 2011, to be held from 21 to 23 October 2014:* Ireland
- (e) *Distribution of the draft annotated agenda for the implementation assessment meeting on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (FSC.GAL/104/14 OSCE+), to be held on 23 and 24 September 2014:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 1 October 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FINLAND**

Mr. Chairperson,

In addition to the EU statement I would like to make a few comments in my national capacity.

First of all, I would like to join others in thanking Ms. Françoise Gaudin and Mr. Michael Georg Link for their interesting statements. Our thanks also go to the Monégasque Chairmanship of the FSC for placing human rights and gender issues on the agenda today.

As has been mentioned, our deliberations on gender equality at the FSC are especially timely, as this year we mark the tenth anniversary of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality, which highlights the importance of implementing UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security and related resolutions. It is now high time we stepped up our efforts towards the adoption of an OSCE-wide action plan on women, peace and security, initiated by Austria, Finland, Turkey and Kazakhstan. Like its partners, Finland is convinced that UNSCR 1325 needs to be implemented in a holistic and comprehensive manner. As a regional security organization, the OSCE has a major part to play in this. I wish to thank the current and incoming Chairmanships-in-Office for underscoring this important issue in their conclusions at the Gender Equality Conference.

The FSC has a significant part to play in the efforts being made to strengthen the implementation of UNSCR 1325 within the OSCE. In addition to the voluntary reporting on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in the context of the Code of Conduct, we consider it beneficial to discuss the information that has been provided with an eye to lessons learned and possible good practices for national implementation. In this respect, we are grateful for Ms. Gaudin for informing us about the measures taken by the French Ministry of Defence to implement UNSCR 1325 and we encourage other participating States to do the same.

Finally, let me thank Mr. Link for his commitment to gender issues, including the implementation of UNSCR 1325. Finland strongly supports the gender equality work of the ODIHR, for example, the Office's programme on human rights, gender and security. We would like to encourage the ODIHR to continue its efforts to strengthen gender-mainstreaming in all aspects of its important work.

Thank you.



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND**

Dear Mr. Chairperson,  
Dear Director Link, dear Madam Gaudin,  
Excellencies and colleagues,

The Swiss Delegation joins those who have warmly welcomed Mr. Michael Georg Link, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), and Madam Françoise Gaudin, Senior Civil Servant for Equality of Rights, to today's Security Dialogue, and congratulates the Monaco FSC Chair on having chosen these highly relevant topics, namely, the civil and political rights of armed forces personnel and the position of women in the French Ministry of Defence.

This year, the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security can look back on 20 years of successful implementation, and the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality celebrates ten years of existence as an important basis for the improvement of gender equality.

The safeguarding of civil and political rights of armed forces personnel, along with respect for equal rights, forms – in the context of the fundamental rights of each individual – part of the key objectives of the Code of Conduct. The rights of armed forces personnel have, of course, to be understood and defined with due account being taken of the legitimate security concerns of States.

The position of women in our institutions remains indeed a pertinent subject. Women represent 50 per cent of our society. We still have a long way to go before we achieve equality of rights. Presentations of good examples, like the one we had the privilege to listen to this morning, help to enrich the debate and enable us to share experiences. Switzerland stands ready to contribute constructively to this debate.

The ODIHR has traditionally been and still is one of the important contributors to supporting better implementation and to enhancing the outreach of the Code of Conduct in the OSCE area and amongst our Partners for Co-operation. As a fierce promoter of the Code of Conduct, Switzerland wants to thank the ODIHR for this very important and substantial effort.

The promotion of the Code of Conduct and its provisions is – in the context of the governance of the security sector – an important part of the priorities of the 2014 Swiss OSCE Chairmanship. Switzerland therefore thanks the FSC Chair again for having chosen this topic for today's Security Dialogue.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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