

Chairmanship: Poland

824th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 6 July 2016

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 1.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. M. Kuziński

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS (SALW)

Presentation by Mr. P. Griffiths, Head of Secretariat, Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies:
Chairperson, Mr. P. Griffiths, Slovakia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; 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 and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/135/16), Romania, Switzerland, Belarus (FSC.DEL/139/16 OSCE+), United States of America, Russian Federation, Slovenia

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/137/16), Slovakia-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/136/16), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation (Annex 2), Switzerland, Chairperson

- (b) *Large-scale military exercise in Azerbaijan, begun on 19 June 2016: Armenia (Annex 3), Azerbaijan*
- (c) *Invitation to visit Russian airbases and attend demonstrations of new pieces of equipment and systems to be conducted from 19 to 23 September 2016: Russian Federation*
- (d) *Report on an inspection visit by the Russian Federation to Poland, conducted from 6 to 9 June 2016: Russian Federation, Poland, Switzerland, Chairperson*

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Recent events relating to women, peace and security: FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Italy)*
- (b) *Open consultations on the Comprehensive Review of the Status of Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540, held in New York from 20 to 22 June 2016: FSC Chairperson's Co-ordinator on Non-Proliferation Issues (Belarus)*

4. Next meeting:

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



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Annex 1

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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 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, Mr. Chairperson.



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

Dear 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 ARMENIA

Mr. Chairperson,

Last week at the Annual Security Review conference Armenian delegation referred to the large-scale military exercise of the armed forces of Azerbaijan in a political context of conflict situations. It should be stressed that the Azerbaijani delegation refrained from addressing this issue there.

As the platform of the FSC is meant to address our commitments vis-à-vis CSBMs and particularly and mostly Vienna Document, now I would like to draw the attention of the FSC to the large-scale military operational-tactical exercise of the armed forces of Azerbaijan started on 19 June 2016.

The press service of the Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan confirmed that 25,000 troops of the armed forces of Azerbaijan are taking part in the exercise with involvement of more than 300 tanks and armoured combat vehicles.

In line with paragraph 40.1.1 of Chapter V of the Vienna Document 11(V. Prior Notification of Certain Military Activities (CMA)), the military activity is subject to notification at least 42 days in advance for military activity exceeding one of the following thresholds: 9,000 troops, 250 tanks, 500 ACVs, or 250 pieces of artillery.

In this regard, we would like to express our concern. Yet another time a large-scale military activity held in Azerbaijan was not accordingly notified by the Azerbaijani side despite the fact that it falls under the category of notifiable military activities.

We request Azerbaijani delegation to provide clarifications on this matter.

Thank you.