



Chairmanship: Kyrgyzstan

679th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 28 March 2012

Opened: 11 a.m.
Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Ambassador L. Imanalieva

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Information on military personnel support to the summer Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games to be held in London in the period 14 July to 12 September 2012: United Kingdom (Annex)

Agenda item 2: DRAFT LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON THE DATES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

The Forum for Security Co-operation agreed to forward the letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the dates of the 2012 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/30/12/Rev.1 OSCE+).

Ireland, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a proposal for a draft Vienna Document Plus decision on notification of permanent changes in the command organization of military forces: Belarus (FSC.DEL/34/12 OSCE+), Chairperson*
- (b) *Joint CPC-UNODC working-level visit to Moldova, conducted from 19 to 21 March 2012: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre (FSC.GAL/47/12 OSCE+), Moldova*
- (c) *Announcement of the postponement of the OSCE Workshop on Customs Procedures and Licensing Issuance: Integrating the National Processing of Dual-Use Goods and Conventional Weapons through Information Sharing, planned to be held in Kiev from 15 to 17 May 2012: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre (FSC.GAL/47/12 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Continuation of the melange project in Ukraine: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre (FSC.GAL/47/12 OSCE+), Ukraine, United States of America*
- (e) *Issues related to interpretation for the Experts Level Session on Small Arms and Light Weapons Stockpile Management, Surplus Reduction and Destruction, to be held in Vienna on 24 May 2012: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre (FSC.GAL/47/12 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 4: CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION,
H.E. AMBASSADOR LYDIA IMANALIEVA

Chairperson (FSC.DEL/33/12), Latvia, the former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 25 April 2012, at 11 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

679th Plenary Meeting

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Madam Chairperson,

Participating States are aware that the summer Olympic Games will, in 2012, take place in London, and may recall that we made a previous statement on the matter during the 656th FSC on 21 September 2011¹. It is a great honour for the United Kingdom to have been chosen to fulfil this global responsibility, and it is our intention to ensure that the Games go forward in a spirit of sporting celebration.

As part of our effort to ensure that the Games take place in a secure and peaceful environment the United Kingdom will be undertaking a large security operation in support of the Games. This effort remains under overall responsibility of the Home Office. The Ministry of Defence will support this effort, and that of the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, by making a significant contribution to the overall security and safety of the games through the provision of up to 13,500 military personnel at times of peak demand.

These personnel will not be engaged in military activity notifiable under the Vienna Document 2011, paragraph 40, or observable under paragraph 47. As a gesture of voluntary transparency, however, the United Kingdom would like to inform participating States of the numbers of military personnel involved in assisting with security during the Games, and the types of activity in which they will be involved.

The UK Ministry of Defence will contribute up to 13,500 military personnel at the busiest times during the Games (that is from 14 July until 12 September. This covers the run up to the Games and lasts until after the conclusion of the Paralympic Games). These personnel will deliver a range of military support to the police and other civil and Olympic authorities. The Ministry of Defence is also working closely with the Metropolitan and Dorset police forces to determine the extent of provision required for specialist support to maritime security operations on the Thames and in Weymouth Bay. It is currently planned for HMS Ocean to be based at Greenwich and HMS Bulwark in Weymouth bay, providing maritime command and control, accommodation, helicopter and small boat basing, and logistics supply.

¹ See FSC.DEL/143/11.

In as far as force numbers are concerned, this defence contribution will consist of:

- Up to 5,000 military personnel with specialist capability and expertise (including a 1,000 strong unarmed military contingency force which will be available to respond to Olympic-related civil emergencies);
- Up to 7,500 personnel for venue security – 3,500 for the entire 64 day period, rising to 7,500 for the 17 day period of the Olympics themselves. They will be part of the London Organizing Committee for the Games' venue guard-force of up to 23,700 (unarmed);
- Up to 1,000 personnel will provide command and control and logistics support for the range of military capabilities involved.

In addition to this activity military personnel will play an important ceremonial role during the Olympics.

Military personnel will enhance the capability and response of civilian authorities for the provision of specialized services (such as explosives ordnance disposal, military working dogs and the capability to search vehicles and buildings). This follows established principles and standard processes.

The contribution by British defence forces for the London Olympics is on a similar scale to that deployed at other Olympic Games and will contribute to a safe, secure and enjoyable 2012 Games.

Madam Chairperson, I should be grateful if you would attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.