

**Chairmanship: Liechtenstein**

**710th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 20 February 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.55 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M.-P. Kothbauer

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

- (a) *Presentation on military co-operation within the framework of the NATO Partnership for Peace by Major General Carlos Branco, Director Cooperation and Regional Security Division, NATO International Military Staff: Chairperson, Major General C. Branco (FSC.DEL/28/13 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/31/13), United States of America, Turkey, Russian Federation*
- (b) *Presentation on the armed forces and 2011 Military Doctrine of the Republic of Kazakhstan by Colonel Amangeldy Aubakirov, Chief of Arms Reduction Control and Inspection Activities Support Centre, Ministry of Defence, Kazakhstan: Chairperson, Colonel A. Aubakirov (FSC.DEL/29/13 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European*

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1 Two document distribution symbols in agenda items 1(a) and 1(b) were corrected.

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Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Response to a statement made by the Russian Federation at the 708th plenary meeting of the FSC on non-compliance with commitments and obligations in the politico-military dimension: San Marino*

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Briefing on the planned participation by the armed forces of the Russian Federation in international military exercises in 2013: Russian Federation (Annex)*
- (b) *Training course on crisis management and civil emergency planning (CMCEP) to be held in Stockholm from 27 to 31 May 2013: Sweden*
- (c) *Prevention of sexual violence in armed conflicts: FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (Turkey), Chairperson*
- (d) *Matters of protocol: Ireland-European Union*
- (e) *Death of Lieutenant-General G. Evstafiev, former delegate of the Soviet Union to the Vienna negotiations on the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe: Russian Federation, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 27 February 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Ratsaal



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

Madam Chairperson,

Our delegation believes it necessary, on the basis of information from the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation and as a sign of goodwill, to continue to familiarize our distinguished colleagues with some combat training exercises of the Russian Armed Forces that do not fall under the provisions of the Vienna Document. Exercises conducted in co-operation with other countries will be covered today.

As we have already reported, the Russian Federation will take part in a number of international exercises in the course of 2013. Training has already begun for some of them.

For example, training has begun in the combined-arms army of the Western Military District for a joint exercise with subdivisions of the German Armed Forces, which will take place at a training range in the Leningrad Oblast in summer 2013.

During the exercise, military personnel of Western Military District motorized infantry and tank subdivisions will, in conjunction with their colleagues from the Bundeswehr, prepare for tactical operations against illegal armed formations as part of the efforts to stabilize the situation in a given area.

A particular feature of the forthcoming exercise is that the jointly operating subdivisions of the Western Military District and the Bundeswehr are to co-ordinate with one another using organic communications equipment that forms part of the inventory of the Russian and German armies.

A modern field camp with all the necessary field infrastructure elements will be provided by the Western Military District personnel for the exercise participants.

The joint Russian-German exercise will be taking place on Russian territory for the first time since 2007.

Joint naval exercises are also planned.

For example, the first planning conference for the latest Russian-Norwegian Pomor-2013 exercise took place last week in the Norwegian town of Bodø, attended by a delegation from the Northern Fleet.

During the conference, Russian sailors discussed with their Norwegian colleagues the purpose of the exercise and the way in which its scenarios would be played out, as well as questions concerning co-operation arrangements at sea when carrying out training exercises and performing joint operations to combat terrorist threats and protect national interests in the western part of the Arctic region.

Traditionally during the exercise Russian and Norwegian sailors work on a number of counter-terrorism issues, in particular conducting inspection operations, liberating civilian vessels from armed extremists, ensuring the security of civilian shipping, intercepting high-speed boats violating State borders, conducting search and rescue operations, and practising interoperability and combat compatibility in the conduct of joint missions.

The Pomor naval exercise is an important element of military co-operation and co-ordination between the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Norway. Russian and Norwegian military personnel not only carry out joint missions at sea but also play an active part in the cultural life of the coastal towns of Russia and Norway.

From 25 June to 2 July the FRUKUS-2013 international naval exercise will take place off the coast of France. The Baltic Fleet's frigate "Yaroslav Mudriy" will participate in the exercise on behalf of the Russian Navy.

On 25 and 26 June, there are plans to organize briefings, communications exercises, excursions and sporting events with the crews. Then the at-sea phase of the exercise will begin, during which the following scenarios will be played out: repelling pinpoint and aerial attacks, task force manoeuvring, inspections, coming to the assistance of a vessel in distress and its crew, and artillery firing.

FRUKUS is an annual naval exercise involving the navies of France, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Russian Federation. The history of the exercise goes back to 1988. Originally it was called RUKUS after the three participant countries (RU + UK + US). France was invited to co-operate in 1993. Since then the exercises have been called FRUKUS and are held on a quadripartite basis.

Over the years, FRUKUS developed from a series of negotiations into staff training and then turned into practical exercises at sea. In 2012 the exercise was held in the waters of the Baltic Sea for the first time. A particular feature of the FRUKUS annual international exercise is the fact that the navies of France, the United Kingdom and the United States take part in it independently of the NATO politico-military alliance.

I thank you, Madam Chairperson, and ask that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting.