



**50th JOINT MEETING OF THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION
AND THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

1. Date: Tuesday, 13 December 2011

Opened: 10.35 a.m.

Closed: 12.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus (PC) (Lithuania)
Mr. Y. Akhinzhanov (FSC) (Kazakhstan)
Mr. D. Žiugžda (PC) (Lithuania)

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Chairperson's report on the tenth meeting of the Commission of the Concluding Document of the Negotiations under Article V of Annex I-B of the General Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina: United Kingdom (Annex)

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentations on peacekeeping operations:

- *The Development of the CSTO Peacekeeping Potential, by Mr. Valeriy Semerikov, Deputy Secretary General of the CSTO*
- *Strengthening Peacekeeping Partnerships: Fields of Co-operation between the United Nations and the OSCE, by Mr. Edmond Mulet, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations, DPKO*

Chairperson (PC), Chairperson (FSC), Mr. V. Semerikov (FSC-PC.DEL/15/11 OSCE+) (FSC-PC.DEL/15/11/Add.1 OSCE+), Mr. E. Mulet, Poland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and

Iceland; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; as well as Armenia, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment)
(FSC-PC.DEL/21/11/Corr.1) United States of America (FSC-PC.DEL/17/11), Belarus (FSC-PC.DEL/19/11 OSCE+), Russian Federation (FSC-PC.DEL/20/11 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (FSC-PC.DEL/16/11 OSCE+), Moldova (FSC-PC.DEL/18/11 OSCE+), Turkey, Georgia, Armenia,
Secretary General

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. Chairperson,

The tenth meeting of the Article V Commission established under the Concluding Document of the Negotiations under Article V of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina was held on 29 November 2011. The United Kingdom, as Chair of the Commission in 2011, would like to brief this joint FSC-PC on the Commission's meeting on behalf of the 21 participating States to the Concluding Document.

Article V encourages a range of complementary, bilateral and voluntary measures to improve co-operation and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) between Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia and the other participating States. The range of measures in the Document, which itself is politically binding, include *inter alia*: defence-related information; expanded military contacts and co-operation; military contacts; military co-operation and risk reduction; prior notification of military activities; supplementary inspection and evaluation visits; demining and destruction of antipersonnel mines; implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

Mr. Chairperson

The tenth meeting of the Commission was very positive and the United Kingdom would like to thank those participating States that made contributions; the journal of the meeting was distributed under reference ARTV.JOUR/10 dated 7 December 2011. A number of participating States gave detailed briefings on the activities carried out in 2011 with their partners in the framework of the Concluding Document. Delegations confirmed that they consider Article V commitments to be more of an opportunity than an obligation. The Commission is satisfied with the continuing relevance of the implementation of the Document. It provides a mechanism for maintaining and developing enhanced and complementary CSBMs in South East Europe, which have successfully contributed to the improvement of the security, transparency and military stability in the region.

Finally, the United Kingdom would like to welcome Greece as the Chair of the Commission in 2012 and would like to offer our full support for their Chairmanship.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson, I would ask that this statement is attached to the journal of the meeting.