
Chairmanship: Luxembourg**731st PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 23 October 2013

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 11.50 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. R. Lauer

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Forum, offered condolences to the Russian Federation in connection with a terrorist attack that had taken place in Volgograd on 21 October 2013.

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

- (a) *Dayton Peace Accords: Presentation on activities of the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for Article IV of Annex 1-B of the Dayton Peace Accords by Major General M. Torres, Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for Article IV of Annex 1-B of the Dayton Peace Accords: Chairperson, Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for Article IV of Annex 1-B of the Dayton Peace Accords (CIO.GAL/146/13/Rev.1 OSCE+), Lithuania-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Iceland, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/168/13), Serbia (also on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro) (Annex), Serbia, Russian Federation, United States of America, Turkey*
- (b) *Small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA) projects in Kyrgyzstan:*

- *Presentation on enhancing the capacity of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan for physical security and stockpile management of SALW and CA, by H.E. Ambassador S. Kapinos, Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek; and*
- *Presentation on the SALW and SCA project in Kyrgyzstan, by Colonel Z. Suerkulov, First Deputy Minister of Defence of Kyrgyzstan*

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek (FSC.FR/2/13 OSCE+), First Deputy Minister of Defence of Kyrgyzstan (FSC.DEL/165/13 OSCE+), Lithuania-European Union (with 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/167/13), Belarus (FSC.DEL/169/13 OSCE+), Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE DATE OF THE 2013 MEETING OF
THE HEADS OF VERIFICATION CENTRES

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 5/13 (FSC.DEC/5/13) on the date of the 2013 Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: GENERAL STATEMENTS

United Nations Security Council resolution 2122 (2013) on women, peace and security, adopted on 18 October 2013: FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Turkey)

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol:* Russian Federation, Chairperson, Turkey, Canada
- (b) *Distribution of the implementation calendar of the Conflict Prevention Centre (FSC.GAL/8/13/Rev.1 Restr.):* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 30 October 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA (ALSO ON BEHALF OF BOSNIA
AND HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA AND MONTENEGRO)**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

In our capacity as chair of the Sub-Regional Consultative Commission, it is my pleasure to deliver this joint statement on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia – the parties to the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control in accordance with Article IV, Annex 1-B to the Dayton Agreement.

We would like to warmly welcome and express our thanks to Major General Michele Torres, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for Article IV, for his substantive and very informative presentation. In his presentation Major General Torres provided us with a comprehensive overview of the main activities, figures and overall results accomplished by the Parties in relation to the implementation of the Agreement, as well as regarding the status of main items which should be fulfilled within the second phase of the transfer of ownership in line with the Action Plan.

The Agreement continues to be implemented by the Parties responsibly, in a positive spirit of co-operation, trust and confidence. As it has been highlighted on different occasions, the mechanisms established within our Agreement demonstrate that it presents a good model to respond to regional challenges.

Mr. Chairperson,

The Parties have continued to fulfil their obligations under the Agreement as well as to work together on the timely realization of relevant aspects of the Action Plan on the transfer of the ownership process, demonstrating political will, enthusiasm, determination and high professionalism, both on the political level and in the military field. We would like to remind that the first phase of the Action Plan of the ownership process was successfully carried out in a timely manner. In the same spirit, the Parties continued their engagement and demonstrated full responsibility, as well as active and constructive approach regarding the fulfilling of tasks defined within the second phase of the Ownership Process Action Plan. We are well on the way to realize all of them within the time-frame set forth in the Action Plan.

As Major General Torres highlighted in his report, the Parties have worked intensively on the harmonization of the draft amendments and legally binding decision, which already resulted in high level of mutual understanding. We believe that next week's meeting of the Sub-Regional Consultative Commission, which will be held in Belgrade, is an important step in that direction.

Mr. Chairperson,

Once again, we would like to reiterate our readiness and determination to carry out all the obligations under the Process of Transfer of Ownership in the timeframe defined in the Action Plan. In this sense, we wish to express our appreciation to the CPC/OSCE Secretariat for its readiness to continue supporting further implementation of the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control in the post-2014 period.

We would also like to underscore our appreciation to the Contact Group countries for their continuing political support and the expressed interest to follow the implementation and the process of transfer of ownership. We are very pleased that all Contact Group countries stand ready to follow our further engagement in the post-2014 period and after the ending of the process of transfer of ownership in the same manner and format that has been applied from the beginning.

In conclusion, the report submitted by Major General Torres reflects in the best way the undertaken activities and results which the Parties have achieved in the last period. On this occasion, on behalf of all the Parties, I would like to thank him and his team for the dedicated and excellent work.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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**DECISION No. 5/13
DATE OF THE 2013 MEETING OF THE HEADS OF
VERIFICATION CENTRES**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming that the OSCE Vienna Document 2011 (VD 2011) remains a key instrument for confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) and noting that the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) provides an important forum for discussing the implementation of agreed measures under the provisions of the VD 2011,

Taking note of the discussions conducted and views expressed during the twenty-third AIAM,

Recalling that the aim of the Heads of Verification Centres meeting is to exchange experiences and information on technical aspects of the implementation of agreed measures under the provisions of the VD 2011,

Decides:

1. To call for a meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres on 10 December 2013;
2. To task the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) to prepare and chair the meeting;
3. To task the CPC to report on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres at the opening session of the twenty-fourth AIAM.