
Chairmanship: Montenegro**786th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 29 April 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 3.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador S. Milačić

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson extended condolences to the families of the victims of the earthquake in Nepal and condemned the brutal attack on the police station in the Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 27 April.

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: THE OSCE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

- *The OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and Security Sector Governance and Reform, presentation by Mr. H. Hänggi, Assistant Director and Head of Research, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)*
- *Practical Implementation of the SSG/R Concept in Southeast Europe, presentation by Mr. S. Bošković, Project Adviser, South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC)*

Chairperson, Mr. H. Hänggi (FSC.DEL/76/15 OSCE+), Mr. S. Bošković, Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in

alignment) (FSC.DEL/73/15), Slovakia (FSC.DEL/71/15 OSCE+), Switzerland (Annex 1), Serbia (FSC.DEL/72/15 OSCE+), Armenia, Russian Federation, Canada, Ukraine

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Situation in and around Ukraine*: Ukraine (Annex 2) (FSC.DEL/70/15), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/74/15), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation, Poland, Latvia-European Union
- (b) *Reply by the Russian Federation to the questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security*: Moldova (Annex 3), Russian Federation

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Regional conference and consultations on United Nations Security Council resolution 1325, held in Vilnius on 20 April 2015*: FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Turkey)
- (b) *Support provided by the Conflict Prevention Centre in connection with the implementation of a recent initiative of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) on UNSCR 1325*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Working meeting of the G7 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction, held in Munich, Germany, on 22 and 23 April 2015*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) *Informal preparatory meeting for the first Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, held in Vienna on 20 and 21 April 2015*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) *Informal expert meeting on the project entitled "Examining options and models for harmonization of end use/r control systems", held on 22 and 23 April 2015*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (f) *Matters of protocol*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Mongolia, Chairperson
- (g) *Financial contribution to the project on securing and upgrading four ammunition and weapons storage sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Norway (Annex 4), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Annex 5), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 6 May 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Professor Dr. Hänggi,
Mr. Slobodan Bošković,
Dear Chairperson of the FSC,
Excellencies and distinguished colleagues,

The Swiss delegation joins those who warmly welcome the speakers at today's Security Dialogue: Professor Hänggi, Assistant Director and Head of Research, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), and Mr. Slobodan Bošković, Project Adviser, South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC). I would like to thank them very much for their very comprehensive presentations, which we deem to be highly relevant in view of the security challenges faced by the Forum.

Switzerland also takes this opportunity to thank Slovakia as Chair of the Group of Friends of Security Sector Governance and Reform (SSG/R) and the Serbian OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office for their strong partnership and continued work in promoting discussions on the topic of SSG/R among participating States.

The DCAF mapping study on SSG/R that has been mentioned was one of the fruits of the 2014 Swiss Chairmanship and we continue to commend it as a very useful tool for structured debates on how to approach this important topic in a constructive manner.

Switzerland, as one of the fierce promoters of the OSCE Code of Conduct, is particularly happy that today's presentation by Professor Hänggi has provided support for a better understanding of the complementarity of the Code and SSG/R. We cannot emphasize too firmly that it is wrong to speak of competing tools. On the contrary, the Code and SSG/R are complementary and mutually reinforcing. Let us build on these synergies.

Thank you for your attention.

I kindly request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Madam 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 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".

The Russian Federation is now in breach of such fundamental principles of the Helsinki Final Act as sovereign equality and respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty, refraining from the threat or use of force, inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity of States, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-intervention in internal affairs, and fulfilment in good faith of obligations in international law.

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the 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, Madam Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA

Madam Chairperson,

We would like to bring to the attention of the participating States the information presented by the Russian Federation under the reference number FSC.EMI/88/15 on 20 April 2015 in response to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security on an issue related to the Republic of Moldova.

In particular, in response to point 2.1 of the Questionnaire related to the deployment of military forces on the territory of other participating States in accordance with freely negotiated agreements as well as in accordance with international law, there is a reference to the Agreement on the principles of the peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova signed on 21 July 1992.

In this connection, we would like to point out that the above-mentioned Agreement does not in any manner provide a status for the stationing of the so-called Operative Group of Russian Forces on the territory of the Republic of Moldova. There is no valid document that could serve as a legal basis for the stationing of these forces in the Republic of Moldova. As we have stated on numerous occasions, the primary goal of the 1992 Agreement was to halt the military hostilities in the conflict area and to establish the Security Zone and the peacekeeping mechanism. We make a clear distinction between the Russian military contingent participating in the peacekeeping mechanism and the so-called Operative Group of Russian Forces.

The position of the Moldovan authorities on the issue has not changed. Let me reiterate our call for the completion of the withdrawal of Russian military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova in accordance with existing international commitments and the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova.

May I kindly ask you, Madam Chairperson, to attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY

Madam Chairperson,

I am happy to announce that Norway has decided to donate 800,000 Norwegian kroner, approximately 95,000 euros, for securing and upgrading four ammunition and weapons storage sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This donation is related to the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina extrabudgetary project No. 2200268, also called the SECUP project.

Norway has previously supported this project with 140,000 euros, as announced in the FSC on 29 January 2014.

This additional donation is intended to secure the complete funding of the project in line with its budget. It is our hope that the project will reduce the risk of weapons and ammunition proliferation and improve national physical security and stockpile management standards in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Madam Chairperson,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina would like to take this opportunity to thank Norway for this additional and hopefully final pledge for the Project for the Security Upgrade of Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Dear colleagues,

Let me very briefly remind you of the objective of this ongoing project, which is to upgrade the security infrastructure at four prospective ammunition and weapons storage sites in my country. This project is being implemented jointly by the Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Defence, the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Union Force (EUFOR).

Madam Chairperson,

Norway is one of the participating States that has supported this project from the very beginning. Their generous contributions have made this project feasible and we are thankful to them all.

In addition, we wish to thank all previous Chairs of the Forum for Security Co-operation, the CPC, and the FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition for helping to bring this project to its final phase.

Madam Chairperson, I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you.