
Chairmanship: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

693rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 3 October 2012

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Ambassador Z. Dabik

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on United Nations Security Council resolution 1325, related resolutions and gender perspectives in relation to military and security operations/missions by Commander J. Dunmurray, Commanding Officer of the Nordic Centre for Gender in Military Operations; Major L. Johansson, Officer-in-Charge of Capability and Liaison Section, Nordic Centre for Gender in Military Operations; and Ms. M. Beham, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues: Chairperson, Mr. J. Dunmurray (FSC.DEL/114/12 OSCE+), Ms. L. Johansson (FSC.DEL/114/12 OSCE+), Senior Adviser on Gender Issues (SEC.GAL/186/12 OSCE+), Cyprus-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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/116/12), United States of America, FSC Co-ordinator for United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 (Ireland), Turkey, Austria (also on behalf of Finland), Serbia, United Kingdom, Spain, Canada

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Update on a tri-service, multinational major military exercise entitled “Joint Warrior”*: United Kingdom (Annex 1)

- (b) *Military training exercise entitled “Anakonda-12”, conducted on the territory of Poland from 17 to 27 September 2012: Poland (Annex 2), Russian Federation*

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE DATES AND VENUE OF THE
 TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION
 ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 6/12 (FSC.DEC/6/12) on the dates and venue of the twenty-third Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE
 TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION
 ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 7/12 (FSC.DEC/7/12) on the agenda and modalities of the twenty-third Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Report on the donors’ visit to Serbia, conducted from 5 to 7 September 2012: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary) (FSC.DEL/117/12 OSCE+), Serbia (Annex 3), Germany*
- (b) *Matters of protocol: Romania, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 10 October 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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FSC Journal No. 699, Agenda item 2(a)

**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the FSC Chairperson's statement of 5 October 2005, on 1 November 2011 the UK voluntarily gave prior notification of two below threshold major military activities that were scheduled to take place in 2012. I wish to give participating States a short update of one of these, which commenced on Monday this week.

Exercise Joint Warrior is a tri-service, multinational exercise, which is held twice a year. The exercise running now includes the participation of several naval units, multinational aircraft groups and a variety of UK and allied land forces. Its purpose is to provide: "A joint, multi-threat environment in which the UK, NATO and others undertake collective and Pre Deployment Training in tactical formations to prepare for potential employment as a Combined Joint Task Force". Force components will conduct training at Tier 2+ (operational) and Tier 2 (tactical) levels and below. The exercise is planned and executed by the UK's Joint Tactical Exercise Planning Staff.

Approximately 4,000 personnel, 24 ships and 61 aircraft have deployed in and around Scotland. The exercise has forces from both NATO and non-NATO partners including: Germany, the US, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, the UK, Norway, the Netherlands and Sweden.

Exercise Joint Warrior provides a realistic multifaceted training environment to develop the skills needed by modern armed forces. In addition to simulated war-fighting, this includes counter-piracy, counter-narcotics and counter-insurgency operations. The scenario for the exercise involves multiple sovereign nations, disputed territory, with a backdrop of smuggling, piracy and terrorist activity.

Mr. Chairperson, the UK strongly supports the need for enhanced transparency and military predictability. By elaborating these details today we wish to build on recent statements to this Forum and encourage others to follow suit. We believe these informal exchanges are a useful complement for other formal mechanisms, but I also take this opportunity to reiterate the pressing need for the strengthening and modernisation of VD11 and hope that progress can be made in that regard.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF POLAND

Mr. Chairperson,

From 17 to 27 September 2012 the training exercise “Anakonda-12” was conducted on the territory of Poland. Today, in the spirit of additional transparency that Poland has always supported in the course of FSC discussions on military activities, we would like to present some facts and figures concerning this exercise.

The military exercise “Anakonda-12” was voluntarily notified by Poland in November 2011 as a major exercise in 2012 below the threshold (notification number CBM/PL/11/0049/F30/O).

The training exercise was organized in accordance with the Training Plan for the Polish Armed Forces for the year 2012 and was not directed against any third country. The exercise’s scenario, which was set in a fictitious country named Vislandia, envisaged an emerging crisis and featured a number of military actions as responses thereto.

The main goal of the exercise was to confirm the readiness of headquarters, commands, staffs and troops with regard to planning and conducting defensive operations with the support/participation of allied forces.

The troops carried out their practical training tasks at the DRAWSKO, ORZYSZ and USTKA training facilities, and also at the coastal training areas belonging to the Polish Navy.

Two briefings for the military attachés accredited to Poland were given by the commander of the exercise, on 26 and 27 September.

The main part of the exercise was divided into two phases:

- Phase I (20–24 September): During this phase the national defence activities were conducted with the use of troops in their operational areas of responsibility, the main task being to create appropriate conditions for counter-attack involving allied troops;

- Phase II (25–27 September): During this phase a counter-attack-type activity by national and allied forces took place, with the aim of restoring the pre-conflict status quo, including the State borders.

The practical part of the exercise “Anakonda-12” involved the following units and subunits:

- From the Land Forces: Subunits of the 2nd Mechanized Corps, 11th Armoured Cavalry Division, 10th Armoured Cavalry Brigade and 2nd Mechanized Brigade, 15th Mechanized Brigade, 17th Mechanized Brigade, 21st Podhale Riflemen Brigade, 7th Coastal Defence Brigade;
- From the Air Force: 1st and 2nd Tactical Air Wing, 3rd Transportation Air Wing;
- From the Polish Navy: Contingents belonging to the 3rd and 8th Flotillas;
- From the Special Forces: The units “FORMOZA”, “AGAT” and “NIL”.

A number of foreign troops participated in the exercise, from the U.S. Army’s 18th Military Police Brigade and from the Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group and Multinational Corps Northeast.

The total numbers of military personnel and major military equipment involved in the exercise were: 8,859 soldiers, 64 battle tanks, 162 armoured combat vehicles (ACVs), 63 artillery pieces, 18 warships and cutters and 37 air sorties.

A number of non-military personnel from the local administration and public services were also involved in the exercise activities.

On 26 and 27 September 2012 an inspection team from Sweden carried out an inspection of specified area in Poland under the provisions of the Vienna Document. This inspection covered the DRAWSKO training facilities.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Mr. Chairperson,
Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to thank the distinguished members of Donor Team, Lieutenant Colonel László Szatmári, FSC Co-ordinator for SALW and SCA Projects, Lieutenant Colonel Detlef Hempel from the Permanent Mission of Germany, Lieutenant Colonel Simon Macrory-Tinning from the Delegation of United Kingdom, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Jean from Switzerland, Mr. Robert Pettit OSCE expert from the United Kingdom and Mr. Alexander Savelyev, project manager from FSC Support Section for the work carried out both during the visit of the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia (CASM) and in course of the preparation of this Report.

Likewise, we express our gratitude to Germany, Denmark, Spain, United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Norway, Switzerland, Czech Republic and Turkey for their generous financial contributions to the CASM Programme.

The document that has been submitted today, and which is noteworthy for its thoroughness and detail, represents the fruit of collective efforts of all the parties involved. We are gratified to note that our proposals were taken into account during the drafting of the document.

Current activities within the CASM Demilitarization Programme are:

- Component 1 – Disposal of Napalm powder and Demilitarization of White Phosphorus Ammunition, ITB for Napalm disposal published in August and Pre-bid conference held (9 potential bidders), deadline will be extended till the mid of October 2012 due to need to run further chemical tests.
- Component 2 – Storage Safety Improvements of Storage Sites “Mirnicka reka” Kursumlija and “Mrsac” Kraljevo and
- Component 3 – Safety of Demilitarization Process Improved in Technical Maintenance Factory TRZ Kragujevac.

We consider this visit as a possibility for the donor countries, OSCE and UNDP to assess current activities as well as to increase awareness and visibility of CASM Programme and show our openness, transparency and dedication to conduct all SCA and SALW activities in full compliance with international norms, practices, standards and criteria.

The Republic of Serbia is looking forward to close co-operation with all partners involved in the implementation of the CASM Programme.

I thank you for your attention and kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.



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**DECISION No. 6/12
DATES AND VENUE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Decides that the twenty-third Annual Implementation Meeting (AIAM) will be held on 5 and 6 March 2013 in Vienna.

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FSC Journal No. 699, Agenda item 4

DECISION No. 7/12
AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

5 and 6 March 2013

Vienna Document:

- (148) *The participating States will hold each year a meeting to discuss the present and future implementation of agreed CSBMs. Discussion may extend to:*
- (148.1) – *Clarification of questions arising from such implementation;*
 - (148.2) – *Operation of agreed measures, including the use of additional equipment during inspections and evaluation visits;*
 - (148.3) – *Implications of all information originating from the implementation of any agreed measures for the process of confidence- and security-building in the framework of the OSCE.*
- (149) *Before the conclusion of each year's meeting the participating States will normally agree upon the agenda and dates for the subsequent year's meeting. Lack of agreement will not constitute sufficient reason to extend a meeting, unless otherwise agreed. Agenda and dates may, if necessary, be agreed between meetings.*
- (150) *The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will hold such meetings. It will consider, as required, suggestions made during the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs.*
- (150.4) *Participating States which, for whatever reason, have not exchanged annual information according to this document and have not provided an explanation under the FSC announcing and reminding mechanism, will during the meeting explain the reasons why and provide an expected date for their full compliance with this commitment.*

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 5 March 2013

- 10–11 a.m. Opening session
- Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson
 - Remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC
 - Presentation of a summary report and of the report on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)
 - General statements
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 1: Implementation of the Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI) and the Vienna Document Preamble and Chapters I to III: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions
- GEMI
 - Vienna Document
 - Preamble
 - Annual exchange of information
 - (i) Information on military forces
 - (ii) Data relating to major weapons and equipment and systems
 - (iii) Information on plans for the deployment of major weapon and equipment systems
 - Defence planning
 - (i) Exchange of information
 - (ii) Clarification, review and dialogue
 - Risk reduction
 - (i) Mechanism for consultation and co-operation as regards unusual military activities
 - (ii) Co-operation as regards hazardous incidents of a military nature
 - (iii) Voluntary hosting of visits to dispel concern about military activities
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–5 p.m. Working session 1 continued if necessary

Working session 2: Implementation of the Vienna Document,
Chapter IV to XII: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions

- Contacts
 - (i) Visits to air bases
 - (ii) Programme of military contact and co-operation
 - (iii) Military contacts, military co-operation
 - (iv) Demonstration of new types of major weapons and equipments systems
 - (v) Provision of information on contacts
- Military activities
 - (i) Prior notification of certain military activities
 - (ii) Observation of certain military activities
 - (iii) Annual calendars
 - (iv) Constraining provisions
- Compliance and verification
 - (i) Inspection
 - (ii) Evaluation
- Regional measures
- Communications Network

Wednesday, 6 March 2013

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2 continued if necessary

Working session 3: Suggestions aiming at the improvement of the
implementation of CSBMs

1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–4 p.m. Working session 3 continued

4.30–6 p.m. Closing session

- Discussion
- Possible recommendations on the dates and the agenda and modalities of the 2014 AIAM
- Concluding remarks
- Closure

II. Organizational modalities

1. The AIAM will last two days and will have opening and closing sessions and working sessions dealing with the topics contained in the agenda (I). The indicative timetable provides greater detail.
2. The organizational meeting of chairpersons, co-ordinators, rapporteurs, and the CPC will be held on Monday, 4 March 2013 at 3 p.m. The working hours of the AIAM will be on the first day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. and on the second day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m.
3. Interpretation into the OSCE official languages will be provided at all sessions of the AIAM.
4. The sessions will be chaired by representatives of the participating States, in rotation, in accordance with the French alphabetical order, following on from the chairing of the closing plenary meeting of the 2012 AIAM by Finland. The chair of the opening session and working sessions will be held by France. The chair of the closing session will be held by Georgia.
5. Debates in the working sessions will be oriented towards problems and solutions and there will be no formal statements. Any national statements for the opening session should be presented in written form only and are to be distributed in advance. The working sessions are designed to be very informal meetings of national experts with the objectives of answering questions, exchanging information and allowing for constructive debate between participating States. Delegations are strongly encouraged to provide detailed presentations and concrete examples of their own implementation experiences. Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the Meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. All delegations are strongly encouraged to provide national experts to participate in the AIAM.
6. To serve as a basis for preparatory work by delegations and co-ordinators, the CPC will circulate no later than 7 February 2013:
 - The revised Annual Survey on CSBM Information Exchanged and the AIAM Survey of Suggestions 2012.
 - A summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document and other measures;
 - A summary report on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres.
7. All working sessions will have one designated co-ordinator and one rapporteur throughout. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate and follow the discussion, while the immediate task of the rapporteurs will be to present a brief written summary report for use by the Chairperson of the closing session.

8. The co-ordinators will circulate a list of topics and questions in order to facilitate discussion in their working sessions no later than 15 February 2013. They will be supported by the CPC in this regard. They will ensure that all relevant areas are addressed. The co-ordinators are also encouraged to focus discussions on suggestions that might be supported by the delegations.

9. Delegations that have volunteers to act as co-ordinators or/and rapporteurs for the working sessions should provide the names of the individuals to the Chairperson of the FSC as soon as possible but no later than 1 February 2013. The names of the co-ordinators and rapporteurs for each working session will be made known to all delegations no later than 8 February 2013.

10. At the first FSC plenary meeting following the AIAM, the Chairperson of the closing session will report to the FSC on the AIAM. Within one month after the AIAM the Chairperson will provide the consolidated summary containing the Chair's statements and presentations of the opening session, the reports of the rapporteurs of the working sessions and the Chair's closing remarks. Prior to publication the rapporteurs are encouraged to circulate the draft of their reports to the delegations of those participating States that contributed to the relevant working session. Within a month after the AIAM the CPC will circulate a written report on suggestions made during the Meeting aimed at improving the implementation of CSBMs.

11. The approach recommended in order to ensure the most productive discussion in the FSC when the participating States consider, as required, suggestions for improvement of the implementation of CSBMs made during the Meeting, is for delegations to bring forward suggestions or topics of interest by means of food-for-thought papers. Discussions on initial papers could lead to further work in the FSC.

12. Before the conclusion of the 2013 AIAM, the participating States are encouraged to consider recommendations for the agenda and dates for the 2014 AIAM. The agenda, modalities and dates of the 2014 AIAM should be adopted by a decision in the FSC before the end of 2013.

13. The Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend all sessions of the 2013 AIAM.