
Chairmanship: Romania**845th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 15 February 2017

Opened: 10 a.m.
Suspended: 10.30 a.m.
Resumed: 10.35 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 3.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Istrate
Mr. D. Șerban

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: ROLE OF THE MILITARY
CHAPLAINS IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE
FREEDOM OF BELIEF (IN PEACETIME OR AT WAR)

- *Colonel G. Youstra of the US Air Force, Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Staff Chaplain, Chief of Religious Affairs*
- *Mr. S. Gugerel, Military Chaplain, Director of the Institute for Religion and Peace of the Military Ordinariate, Austria*
- *Mr. I. Ilinca, Military Priest, Department for Religious Assistance, Ministry of National Defence of Romania*
- *Chief Imam N. ef. Hadžić, Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Chairperson, Colonel G. Youstra, Mr. S. Gugerel (FSC.DEL/28/17 OSCE+), Mr. I. Ilinca, Chief Imam N. ef. Hadžić, Norway (FSC.DEL/38/17), Malta-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland,

member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/34/17), Holy See (FSC.DEL/33/17 OSCE+), Ukraine (FSC.DEL/36/17), United States of America, Armenia, Russian Federation, FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Montenegro)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE SIXTH ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 2/17 (FSC.DEC/2/17) on the agenda, timetable and modalities for the sixth Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, the text of which is appended to this journal.

FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Montenegro)

Agenda item 3: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/37/17), Malta-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/35/17), Canada, United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex)

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the dates of the 2017 Annual Security Review Conference:* Chairperson

The Forum for Security Co-operation agreed to forward the letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the dates of the 2017 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/32/17/Rev.1 OSCE+).

(b) *Response to the request from Georgia for assistance with the disposal of surplus ammunition:* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), Georgia

(c) *Information on the follow-on to the project on the security upgrade of ammunition and weapons storage sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina (SECUP):* FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and

Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 22 February 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Annex

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FSC Journal No. 851, Agenda item 3

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

Dear Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the reference to Crimea in the statements by a number of delegations today, the delegation of the Russian Federation feels obliged to make the following observations.

The proclamation of independence of the Republic of Crimea and its incorporation into the Russian Federation was a legal expression of the right of the people of Crimea to self-determination at a time when Ukraine, with outside support, was in the throes of a *coup d'état*, with radical nationalist elements exerting a forceful influence on the decisions adopted in the country, which in turn resulted in the interests of the Ukrainian regions and Russian-speaking population being ignored.

The multi-ethnic population of Crimea took the corresponding decisions by a huge majority in a free and fair expression of its will. The status of the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as constituent entities of the Russian Federation is not open to reconsideration or discussion. Crimea is and will remain Russian. This is a fact that our partners will have to come to terms with.

This position is based on and fully complies with international law.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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FSC.DEC/2/17
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845th Plenary Meeting

FSC Journal No. 851, Agenda item 2

**DECISION No. 2/17
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE SIXTH
ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY
ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling FSC Decision No. 12/11 on an annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security,

Recalling the importance of the Code of Conduct and taking into account the provision of paragraph 38 of the Code of Conduct stating that appropriate bodies, mechanisms and procedures will be used to assess, review and improve if necessary the implementation of the Code of Conduct,

Taking into account the deliberations of the Annual Discussions on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct held in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016,

Decides to organize the sixth Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct, which is to take place on 14 June 2017 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annex to this decision.

ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Wednesday, 14 June 2017

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| 10–10.30 a.m. | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Opening and introduction by the FSC Chairperson– Remarks by the OSCE Secretariat representative– General statements |
| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Working session 1: Sharing of views on the implementation of the Code of Conduct in the context of the existing political and military situation <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by session moderator– Keynote speakers– Discussion– Moderator’s closing remarks |
| 3–5 p.m. | Working session 2: Evaluation discussion on the implementation and effectiveness of the Code of Conduct including the 2017 annual exchange of information pursuant to the Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction by session moderator– Keynote speaker– Discussion– Moderator’s closing remarks |
| 5–5.15 p.m. | Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Discussion– Concluding remarks– Closure |

II. Organizational modalities

Background

In FSC Decision No. 12/11 it was decided, *inter alia*, to “regularize a focused discussion on implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security by devoting an annual special one-day meeting to the Code of Conduct” and to “invite, as appropriate, representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes to a morning session of this meeting to share views on implementation, while the following evaluation discussion of the afternoon session of the meeting is to be restricted to participating States.”

The sixth Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will therefore provide opportunities to discuss how to promote and improve the implementation of the Code of Conduct, including its annual information exchange, and to undertake an evaluation discussion and examine the application of the Code of Conduct in the context of the existing political and military situation.

Organization

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will take place on 14 June 2017 in Vienna.

The OSCE Rules of Procedure and standard working methods will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct.

A representative of the FSC Chairmanship (Russian Federation) will chair the opening and closing sessions. Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur.

Simultaneous interpretation between all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at all sessions.

The FSC Chair will provide a report on the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct within one month, including a survey of suggestions and recommendations made during the meeting.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to ensure that they are represented at policy and expert level at the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

The OSCE Secretariat, the ODIHR, field operations, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

Only the morning session will be open for the invited representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes.

General guidelines for participants

In accordance with FSC Decision No. 12/11, a report on the implementation of the Code of Conduct prepared by the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE Secretariat will be made available to participating States not later than 7 June 2017.

The Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct will be conducted in four sessions.

The working sessions will concentrate on major topics, which will be introduced by keynote speakers. The introductions shall be followed by discussions of any number of relevant subtopics that delegates may wish to raise. The aim is an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions in advance of the meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. In order to ensure the most productive discussion when the participating States are considering suggestions made during the meeting, the recommended approach 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.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The introductions given by the keynote speakers should set the scene for the discussion in the sessions and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities. The keynote speakers' contributions should set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions. The available speaking time is approximately 15 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session they are speaking at and be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the opening and working session, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' reports should deal with issues raised during the respective sessions; they should cover lessons learned, best practices, challenges, improvements, and suggestions made at the session, and any other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines on the timing of submitting and distributing written contributions

Participating States and other participants of the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions by 7 June 2017.