

**Chairmanship: Switzerland**

**913th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 10 April 2019

Opened: 11.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Wild

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

Agenda item 1: CLOSING REMARKS

– *Major General C. Meier, Chief of Armed Forces Staff, Swiss Armed Forces, Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport*

– *H.E. Ambassador C. Wild, Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation*

Chairperson, Major General C. Meier, Tajikistan, Romania-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/87/19), United States of America, Sweden, Slovakia, Liechtenstein (FSC.DEL/84/19 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Armenia, Italy, Czech Republic, France (FSC.DEL/85/19/Rev.1 OSCE+), Germany

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Intersessional OSCE Dialogue on Military Doctrines, held on 8 and 9 April 2019: Austria*

- (b) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, held on 2 April 2019: Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Latvia) (Annex 1)*
- (c) *Training programme for young professionals on “Conflict prevention and resolution through arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation in the OSCE area” (supported by the OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security), which commenced on 8 April 2019: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (Annex 2)*
- (d) *Technical workshop on data exchange regarding major weapon and equipment systems, to be held in Vienna on 10 May 2019: Chairperson*
- (e) *Letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the dates of the 2019 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/71/19/Rev.1 Restr.): Chairperson, Armenia*

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) agreed to forward to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council the letter from the FSC Chairperson on the dates of the 2019 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/71/19/Rev.1 Restr.).

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 8 May 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE INFORMAL GROUP OF FRIENDS ON  
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF  
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION (LATVIA)**

Distinguished Chairperson,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished participants,  
Dear colleagues,

I am delighted to have been given this opportunity to report to the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) on the second meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA), which took place on 2 April 2019. The meeting was attended by 40 participants from 28 participating States.

The participants in the meeting exchanged their initial views on the technical updates that have been proposed to the OSCE Best Practice Guide on Minimum Standards for National Procedures for the Deactivation of SALW (FSC.DEL/250/17/Corr.2, adopted by FSC Decision No. 1/18 [FSC.DEC/1/18/Corr.2]) on the basis of international regulations that were recently issued in this area.

There was also a general exchange of views on updating, expanding and adapting the existing OSCE Best Practice Guides on SALW and SCA. A possible way forward could be the prioritization of updates, expansion, and adaptation of the Best Practice Guides that could be achieved, taking into consideration, which of the Best Practice Guides are (a) most easily updated, and (b) likely to have the greatest utility to participating States, particularly to those that have been involved in the OSCE's SALW and SCA assistance projects.

During the meeting it was stressed that the development of an implementation timeline or roadmap (with a clear overall direction and milestones) would allow the Informal Group of Friends to organize its work on updating the Best Practice Guides in a more efficient and structured manner.

Mr. Chairperson, I would like to thank the FSC Support Section for its support in preparing the meeting and for having provided all the necessary assistance.

The next meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on SALW and SCA is scheduled for 28 May 2019. I encourage delegates to participate as widely as possible in the preparations for that meeting and in the meeting itself.

Before concluding, I would like to thank the Swiss FSC Chairmanship for all the trust, support and encouragement extended to me, and I look forward to continuing my work under the Tajik FSC Chairmanship.

Thank you for your attention.



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE CONFLICT PREVENTION CENTRE**

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to inform you that the training programme on “Conflict prevention and resolution through arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation in the OSCE area” – which is aimed at young professionals, in particular women – commenced on 8 April. The programme is supported by the OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security.

The participants first receive three weeks of online training and then attend a one-week in-person course, which will take place in Vienna from 6 to 10 May 2019. This is followed by five more weeks of online training, which means that the training programme as a whole concludes on 14 June 2019.

There were over a thousand applicants from 52 participating States and 10 Partners for Co-operation. After a comprehensive selection process, 100 participants were selected for the programme, including 50 for the in-person training course in Vienna. They were all awarded individual scholarships under the OSCE Scholarship for Peace and Security programme to facilitate their participation. The participants come from different fields (e.g., law, humanities, social work and business) and professional affiliations (e.g., governmental and non-governmental sectors).

The training will provide the participants with a general orientation on current politico-military issues, conflict prevention, arms control, and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs). Moreover, it will increase their awareness and understanding of disarmament and non-proliferation issues in the OSCE area. Throughout the programme the participants will look at the roles of various relevant organizations and CSBM regimes. They will explore the links between disarmament, non-proliferation and development. During the part of the programme devoted to conventional arms control, they will learn about the commitments set out in the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons and on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition. They will also become familiar with the OSCE’s efforts to reduce and prevent the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition.

The training programme will help to create equal opportunities for women to participate fully in the policy-making, planning and implementation processes related to arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation. Significantly, the training programme will also give young professionals a good chance to build up their networks, and will bridge the gaps between education, training and career opportunities.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Governments of Andorra, Germany and Switzerland for their support for this year's training programme.

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

Thank you.