Chairmanship: Czech Republic

936th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. **Date:** Wednesday, 18 December 2019

   Opened: 11.05 a.m.
   Closed: 12.10 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador I. Šrámek

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

   **Agenda item 1:** CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION, H.E. AMBASSADOR I. ŠRÁMEK

   Chairperson, Turkey, Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/255/19), Slovakia, Switzerland (FSC.DEL/256/19 OSCE+), Canada, Azerbaijan, Armenia, United States of America, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Albania

   **Agenda item 2:** GENERAL STATEMENTS

   None

   **Agenda item 3:** ANY OTHER BUSINESS

   (a) *17th annual consultations on the review of the implementation of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea, held in Vienna on 17 December 2019: Bulgaria (FSC.DEL/257/19 OSCE+)*

   (b) *Financial contribution to the repository programme on small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA) for 2020, and the second high-level meeting of the Franco-German initiative for the*
comprehensive control of SALW in the Western Balkans, to be held in Berlin on 31 January 2020: Germany (Annex), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), France, Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Latvia)

4. Next meeting:

To be announced
STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY

Mr. Chairperson,
Distinguished colleagues,

I am pleased to announce to you that Germany will once again be providing funding for the OSCE programme on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition. Our contribution will be 900,000 euros.

During the corresponding side event at the Ministerial Council meeting in Bratislava, the importance of this programme with its road map for the Western Balkans became evident. Germany began making a financial contribution some years ago and will now continue to do so until 2021.

I should like to take this opportunity to remind you of the high-level conference on the control of small arms and light weapons in the Western Balkans, which the foreign ministers of Germany and France invite you to attend in Berlin on 31 January 2020. The meeting will provide an occasion at the beginning of the new year to further intensify consideration of this issue, which is so vital to the OSCE, and define specific follow-up steps.

Mr. Chairperson,

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