

Chairmanship: Moldova

756th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 4 June 2014

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Popov

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

(a) *Presentation on “The Project for Security Upgrade of Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites (SECUP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Status and Perspectives” by H.E. Z. Osmić, Minister of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Mr. Z. Šajinović, Assistant Minister, Head of the Department for International Co-operation, Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Chairperson, Minister of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Z. Šajinović (FSC.DEL/98/14 OSCE+), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/101/14), Turkey, Germany, United States of America, Russian Federation*

(b) *Presentation on “The New Spirit of RACVIAC and Regional Co-operation” by H.E. B. Mandić, Director of the Centre for Security Cooperation (RACVIAC): Chairperson, Mr. B. Mandić (FSC.DEL/97/14 OSCE+), Greece, Greece-European Union (with 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as*

Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment)
(FSC.DEL/102/14), Serbia, Turkey, United States of America, Germany

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES FOR
 COMPILING NATIONAL REPORTS ON SALW EXPORTS
 FROM/IMPORTS TO OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES
 DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 3/14 (FSC.DEC/3/14) on voluntary guidelines for compiling national reports on SALW exports from/imports to other participating States during the previous calendar year, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Germany, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Situation in Ukraine:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/100/14), Sweden (Annex 1), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/103/14), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 2), United Kingdom, Germany, Canada

- (b) *Ceremony to commemorate the decommissioning of anti-personnel landmines, held on 27 May 2014:* Belarus (FSC.DEL/104/14 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matters of protocol: Germany

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 11 June 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWEDEN

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the successful completion of a Swedish-led mission to Ukraine during the period from 19 to 30 May, under Chapter X of the Vienna Document 2011, with modalities in accordance with Chapter IX. The Swedish-led team, with guest inspectors from Denmark, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, visited Ukraine for the purpose of building confidence and security in the region by contributing to increased military transparency. During the activity, the team visited a total of fifteen military units, centres and installations within the agreed specified area.

This bilateral activity was conducted in a positive and friendly atmosphere.

Sweden considers that the activity fully met the requirements and objectives of a visit pursuant to Chapter X of the Vienna Document 2011. Ukraine showed exemplary transparency and co-operated in accordance with both the letter and the spirit of the Vienna Document 2011. All the briefings and inspection activities, as well as all the protocol and logistic matters, were handled in a professional and flexible way by both the unit commanders and the escort team, thus contributing to the successful result of this activity.

This once again shows that the Vienna Document is applicable and has an added value, not only in an ordinary security situation, but also – or even particularly – in times of increased tension. We call upon all the participating States, especially the Russian Federation, to show the same level of co-operation, transparency and good will.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.



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

At the meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation on 7 May, we raised the question of the need to conduct a reliable and independent investigation into the incident concerning the detention in Sloviansk in April and May this year of military specialists from a number of countries.

Today we remind you that this request still stands.

The following questions still require an answer:

- Why, and by whom precisely, was the decision taken to let the military inspectors travel to Sloviansk, which was besieged by Ukrainian troops?
- What documents did they have at hand confirming their status, and if they did not have any, why not?
- What sentences have been imposed on the officials in Kyiv responsible for organizing this visit who used the OSCE symbol in the process, and also on those who shelled the vehicle in which the inspectors were travelling after their release on 3 May?

Attempts to “twist” this topic only confirm that the idea of the visit by the military observers was inherently provocative.

In the light of the detention in the east of Ukraine of staff of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission, we believe it necessary to recommend to its leadership that they avoid misunderstandings by establishing direct contacts with the forces that directly control the situation “on the ground”. First of all, this is directly provided for by the Mission’s mandate, and secondly it will make it possible to rule out a repetition of incidents involving the detention of observers.

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



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DECISION No. 3/14
**VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES FOR COMPILING NATIONAL REPORTS
ON SALW EXPORTS FROM/IMPORTS TO OTHER PARTICIPATING
STATES DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1), in which participating States agreed to consider the development of best practice guides on certain aspects related to the control of small arms and light weapons,

Recalling Section III of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1) in which the participating States agreed to study ways to further improve the information exchange on transfers of small arms,

Recalling preambular paragraph 5 of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1), in which participating States noted the opportunity for the OSCE, as a regional arrangement under Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations, to provide a substantial contribution to the process in the United Nations on combating the illicit trade in SALW in all its aspects,

Also recalling Kyiv Ministerial Council Decision No. 8/13, tasking the FSC, *inter alia*, to ensure the timely and full submission of OSCE SALW-related information exchanges, and develop voluntary guidelines for compiling national submissions of information for the above-mentioned exchange, in order to improve the utility and relevance of the information provided,

Acknowledging that such a voluntary reference guide could also be useful to other United Nations Member States in their efforts to implement international agreements on Small Arms and Light Weapons,

Recognizing the work done by participating States to complete this task,

Decides to:

- Welcome the development of the OSCE Voluntary Guidelines for Compiling National Reports on SALW exports from/imports to other participating States during the previous calendar year, FSC.DEL/33/14/Rev.1/Corr.1, and take note of it;
- Encourage participating States to make these voluntary guidelines available to all relevant national authorities for its implementation as appropriate;
- Task the Conflict Prevention Centre to ensure the widest possible distribution of these voluntary guidelines;
- Take account of these voluntary guidelines in accordance with Section VI of the OSCE Document on SALW.