

Chairmanship: Monaco

770th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 12 November 2014

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.45 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Giordan

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Situation in and around Ukraine*: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/194/14), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/193/14), United States of America, Russian Federation, Poland, Romania, Canada, Spain, Azerbaijan, Estonia

(b) *Financial contributions to OSCE activities on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and to assistance projects in the OSCE area*: Switzerland (Annex 1), Serbia (Annex 2), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Annex 3), Moldova (Annex 4), Greece, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Statistical overview on the use of the Vienna Document 2011 in relation to the situation in Ukraine: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Austria, Greece

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 19 November 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Dear Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Dear colleagues,

Switzerland is taking the floor to announce its financial support for activities and projects in the field of the Code of Conduct as well as, in the framework of the assistance mechanism of the OSCE Small arms and Ammunition Documents.

Let me start with the support for the Code of Conduct: Security sector governance including support for implementation and outreach of the Code of Conduct is one of the priorities of the Swiss Chairmanship and will remain a key area of Switzerland's contribution to stability, transparency and the strengthening of democratic control of armed and security forces. In this respect, the Swiss delegation has the honour to pledge today the amount of 220,000 Swiss francs for the years 2014 and 2015 to OSCE activities on the Code of Conduct, as follows:

- 40,000 Swiss francs for the project “Code of Conduct Seminar in Tunisia 2015”: Outreach Seminar for the OSCE’s Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation;
- 90,000 Swiss francs for the project “Code of Conduct Workshop in Serbia 2015”: OSCE-wide Workshop on the Code of Conduct (inter- and intra-State aspects);
- 50,000 Swiss francs for the project “Code of Conduct Seminar in Mongolia 2015”: Outreach Seminar for the OSCE’s Asian Partners for Co-operation;
- 30,000 Swiss francs for the project “Commemorative Publication, 20 Years Code of Conduct”: Publication in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the OSCE Code of Conduct;
- 10,000 Swiss francs for the project “Compilation of Practical Examples for Democratic Control of Armed Forces”: Practical manual/handbook to support the implementation of the OSCE Code of Conduct.

The total amount is to be transferred to the OSCE Code of Conduct Repository Programme pending the opening of the specific project account.

Dear Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Dear colleagues,

Switzerland considers the OSCE SALW and SCA assistance projects as important vectors for reducing risks originating from degraded ammunition, for preventing unplanned explosions, as well as for contributing to the fight against illicit trade in and misuse of small arms and light weapons. These projects are appropriate means to contribute to prevention and enhance security and stability in the OSCE region, and hence to facilitate the establishment of the necessary framework for economic development and prosperity. I therefore also have the great privilege to announce today a pledge in the amount of 255,000 Swiss francs to the OSCE SALW and SCA assistance projects, as follows:

- 100,000 Swiss francs for Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Project SECUP: Security Infrastructure Upgrade of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites;
- 90,000 Swiss francs for Moldova for the Project CASM Plus, subdivided into 40,000 Swiss francs for the destruction of surplus stocks, 40,000 Swiss francs for upgrade of SALW and CA storage facilities and 10,000 Swiss francs for PSSM capacity-building and to support the establishment of the respective normative framework and regulations;
- 50,000 Swiss francs for Serbia for the Project CASM, subdivided into 40,000 Swiss francs for the destruction of surplus stocks of white-phosphorus- and napalm-powder-filled ammunition and 10,000 Swiss francs for capacity-building and to support the establishment of the respective normative framework and regulations;
- 15,000 Swiss francs for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for an initial visit of an OSCE team in order to evaluate possible fields of assistance co-operation in the area of SALW and SCA.

Switzerland will continue to support the OSCE SALW and SCA assistance projects with in-kind contributions and expert missions. Furthermore, we think that it is also important that the FSC should continue to discuss and review issues related to SALW and SCA projects with the aim of facilitating procedures for deploying such expert missions and thus strengthening the SALW and SCA assistance mechanism.

Switzerland would kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Mr. Chairperson,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia, let me thank the delegation of Switzerland to the OSCE for the information concerning its financial support to the Serbian Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management – CASM – for demilitarization of white phosphorus filled ammunition and for upgrade of the capability to conduct safe, effective and efficient demilitarization operations at the demilitarization facility – TRZ Kragujevac.

The donor support of the OSCE participating States for the above-mentioned project in the Republic of Serbia is of great importance for its further implementation. We are certain that this donation will help us to continue the CASM project in a smooth and cost-effective manner.

Also, in line with our common priorities in the promotion of the Code of Conduct during the consecutive Chairmanships of the OSCE, we would like to express our thanks for the financial contribution for realization of the Code of Conduct Workshop which will be conducted in early October 2015 in the Republic of Serbia.

The Republic of Serbia greatly appreciates the support of our projects by the OSCE participating States. Let me once again thank the delegation of Switzerland for their contribution and reaffirm the readiness of Serbia to further co-operate with our OSCE partners on this particular matter in a spirit of openness and transparency.

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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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Mr. Chairperson,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina would like to take this opportunity to thank Switzerland for its additional pledge for the project for the security infrastructure upgrade of ammunition and weapons storage sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This ongoing project has the objective of upgrading the security infrastructure at the Bosnia and Herzegovina ammunition and weapons storage sites, and is being implemented jointly by the Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Defence, the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNDP and EUFOR.

Dear colleagues,

We would like to assure you that Bosnia and Herzegovina, as a fully fledged OSCE participating State, is a credible partner, and we are fully committed to determining optimum models for our own security as well as to complying with the international commitments that we have undertaken as a participating State of the OSCE and other international organizations.

Mr. Chairperson,

In addition to thanking Switzerland for its third donation for this project and the other participating States for their previous donations, we also wish to thank the Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation, the CPC and the FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition for helping to make this project feasible.

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

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA

Mr. Chairperson,

On behalf of the Moldovan Government, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the people and Government of Switzerland for their kind financial support to the ongoing Comprehensive Ammunition Stockpile Management (CASM) project in the Republic of Moldova.

The Swiss contribution is very valuable for the successful implementation of this project, which will provide a better security environment not only in the Republic of Moldova, but also in the OSCE region. The Moldovan authorities will be able to continue their efforts aimed at the destruction of the significant amount of surplus and obsolete ammunitions, improvement of the safety and security of the storage facilities and adjustment of the national legislation to bring it in line with the best OSCE and international standards. The project will help to reduce the risk for people living near ammunition storage depots. By lowering the risk of ammunition proliferation, we seek to contribute to enhancing confidence and security in the whole region.

In view of the remaining financial gap, we would welcome further assistance in order to achieve the goals and objectives of the CASM project in Moldova. Let me take this opportunity also to thank the other existing donors for their financial support as well as for the expertise provided for building the capabilities of the Moldovan Ministry of Defence by training specialists in the field of stockpile management and security. We look forward to continuing our productive co-operation with the existing and potential future donors in order to ensure the viability and sustainability of this key project for Moldova.

I kindly ask you, Mr. Chairperson, to attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you.