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**Chairmanship: Montenegro****794th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 22 July 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador S. Milačić

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, Luxembourg-European Union, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and Mongolia condemned the recent terrorist attack in Suruç, Turkey, and extended condolences to the families of the victims. The representative of Turkey thanked the speakers for their statements and for their expressions of sympathy.

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE OSCE'S ROLE IN SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 4/15 (FSC.DEC/4/15) on the OSCE's role in support of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Spain (Annex 1)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (Annex 2) (FSC.DEL/138/15), Luxembourg-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/139/15), United States of America, Russian Federation

- (b) *Reports on the annual exchange of information on small arms and light weapons and conventional arms transfers in 2014: Serbia*

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol: Spain, Chairperson, Croatia, Czech Republic, Luxembourg-European Union, France, United States of America*
- (b) *Food-for-thought paper and proposal for an FSC draft decision on making public the information exchanges in the field of small arms and light weapons, conventional arms transfers and anti-personnel landmines (FSC.DEL/140/15 OSCE+): Belgium*
- (c) *Appointment of Mr. M. Bratt (Sweden) as FSC Co-ordinator for the High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar, to be held on 16 and 17 February 2016: Chairperson*

Agenda item 4: CLOSING STATEMENT OF THE MONTENEGRIN  
FSC CHAIRMANSHIP BY H.E. SLAVICA MILAČIĆ,  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY  
CO-OPERATION

Chairperson, Switzerland (Annex 3), Mongolia, Norway, France

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 9 September 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN**

Madam Chairperson,

Spain, which currently holds the Chairmanship of the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), appreciates the efforts of the Forum for Security Co-operation, led by the Montenegrin Chairmanship, in adopting this decision of great significance and importance.

Spain remains fully committed to efforts leading to a safer world free from the threat of weapons of mass destruction in the hands of non-State actors or terrorist groups and their potential catastrophic effects. The full implementation of resolution 1540 and the contribution that this Organization can make are essential in that regard.

In his statement on 20 May 2015 before this distinguished Forum, Ambassador Oyarzun, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations and Chair of the 1540 Committee, stressed that regional organizations like ours have an important role to play and are a catalyst for efforts in the full implementation of resolution 1540.

Moreover, the experience of the OSCE and its participating States can make a very valuable contribution to the review process, the final working paper of which was circulated in New York on 2 May 2015.

We are therefore convinced that this is a step in the right direction and we welcome the adoption of this decision. My delegation will continue to work on the development of all its potential effects.

Madam Chairperson,

I reiterate my thanks for the excellent work and ask that the text of this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE**

Madam Chairperson,

In connection with today's statement by the Russian delegation on the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (ARC), the delegation of Ukraine wishes to emphasize the following.

International law prohibits the acquisition of part or all of another State's territory through coercion or force. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which remains an integral part of Ukraine, was illegally occupied and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. Illegitimate actions on the part of the Russian Federation do not have any legal consequences with regard to the status of the ARC as an integral part of Ukraine. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders is safeguarded by international law and UN General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, "Territorial integrity of Ukraine".

The Russian Federation is now in breach of such fundamental principles of the Helsinki Final Act as sovereign equality and respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty, refraining from the threat or use of force, inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity of States, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-intervention in internal affairs, and fulfilment in good faith of obligations in international law.

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND**

Switzerland would like to thank Her Excellency Ambassador Slavica Milačić and her entire team most sincerely for the successful Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC). Montenegro accomplished a very active leadership in difficult times, displayed excellent co-operation with all partners and an openness to new ideas and proposals.

The period of the FSC Chairmanship of Montenegro was marked by the crisis in and around Ukraine and its implications on the security policy environment. Therefore, it was a challenge to make progress with regard to proposals in the FSC Working Group A, especially concerning the modernization of the Vienna Document 2011. In spite of a certain deadlock in this field, caused by a lack of trust, the Chairmanship managed to set up successful events such as the fourth Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct or the Meeting to Review the Implementation of OSCE Practical Assistance Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, which proved to be a most useful initiative. Of course, the current crisis was reflected in all these conferences, but that is also what such events are organized for.

Montenegro's objective and unbiased approach and its successful endeavour to find competent and inspiring speakers made an exchange of ideas and in-depth discussions with regard to controversial topics possible. This allowed the FSC to clearly see the different, sometimes diverging assessments of the current situation, which is important to identify more easily possible ways to overcome the challenges. A case in point was the very frank, instructive and useful discussions in the Working Group IV on "Arms Control and Confidence- and Security-Building Measures" in the framework of the Annual Security Review Conference or the Security Dialogue on the Effectiveness of the Vienna Document Regime and Regional Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in Crisis Situations.

Several high-quality security dialogue discussions were a source of inspiration during the past three months. It is precisely such occasions that carry us forward during times of stalemate. In this sense the FSC Chairmanship of Montenegro did exactly what was needed, and did it very successfully. All the relevant topics of the Forum were covered in a competent and comprehensive way.

We would like to take the opportunity today to thank Mongolia, the outgoing FSC Chairmanship Troika member, and welcome Norway as the next holder of the FSC

Chairmanship. We look forward to working with you and will support you in your challenging task, also with regard to the upcoming Ministerial Council in Belgrade in December this year.

Switzerland continues to advocate and support the development and strengthening of the OSCE's politico-military instruments in a difficult security policy environment. The modernization and updating of the Vienna Document 2011, the discussion on conventional arms control, the publication and dissemination of the OSCE Code of Conduct and the documents on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition, along with the subject of non-proliferation, continue, in our view, to be relevant topics for the FSC. Thank you for your attention.

We would kindly ask for this statement to be attached to the journal of the day.



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**DECISION No. 4/15  
OSCE'S ROLE IN SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming the commitments of OSCE participating States to preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in order to promote peace, security and stability,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 7/05 on supporting the effective implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and calling upon all participating States to implement fully United Nations Security Council resolution 1540,

Recalling also FSC Decision No. 10/06 on supporting national implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and encouraging participating States to hold further exchanges of views, including with OSCE Partners for Co-operation, on the implementation of resolution 1540, with the goal, *inter alia*, of furthering United Nations efforts by promoting lessons learned, sharing experiences and facilitating the identification of assistance needs for national implementation,

Recalling further the Athens Ministerial Declaration on Non-Proliferation (2009), which reiterates the commitment of OSCE participating States to promoting full and effective implementation of resolution 1540, and pledges the OSCE's continued support to regional efforts to facilitate its implementation,

Mindful of the 2010 Astana Commemorative Declaration: Towards a Security Community, which, *inter alia*, underlines OSCE participating States' commitment to preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction,

Duly noting United Nations Security Council resolution 1977 (2011), which established a new ten-year mandate for the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (1540 Committee) and encouraged it to engage actively with participating States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to promote universal implementation of resolution 1540,

Recalling OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 7/11 on issues relevant to the Forum for Security Co-operation, which tasked the FSC, *inter alia*, to support the ongoing

activities in assisting in the implementation of resolution 1540 by, *inter alia*, maintaining the information sharing on national progress and lessons learned in that regard,

Recalling OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 8/11 on the proper role of the OSCE in facilitation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540, which tasked the relevant decision-making bodies within their mandates to continue to identify, and strengthen, when and as appropriate, specific forms of the OSCE's contribution to assist participating States, upon their requests, in the further implementation of resolution 1540, in close co-ordination with the 1540 Committee to complement its efforts,

Reaffirming the important facilitating role of the directory of national and OSCE Points of Contact (the PoC directory) established under FSC Decision No. 19/11 on Points of Contact on United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and taking note of the first meeting of national PoC network on 10 April 2014,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 7/13 on the update of the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation, which states that each participating State will promote the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and its successor resolutions 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008), 1977 (2011), as well as United Nations Security Council resolution 1887 (2009),

Recognizing the significance of the involvement, where appropriate, of industry and the private sector as well as relevant academia and think tanks in efforts undertaken by participating States in order to implement resolution 1540,

Recalling the 10th anniversary of resolution 1540 and welcoming meaningful progress achieved in its implementation in the OSCE area at the national and regional levels, including, *inter alia*, through country specific dialogue and the development of voluntary national implementation action plans facilitated by the OSCE and the 1540 Committee,

Taking into account the Commonwealth of Independent States Workshop on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), held from 15 to 17 January 2013 in Minsk, Belarus, the Regional Workshop on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), held on 9 and 10 May 2013 in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, and the Workshop on Assessment of Implementation and the Role of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in Achieving the Aims of Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, held on 5 and 6 November 2013, in Kyiv, Ukraine,

Decides to:

1. Support the leading role and global efforts undertaken by the 1540 Committee;
2. Strengthen the OSCE's support in facilitating the implementation of resolution 1540 and related resolutions by participating States, including through tasking the Conflict Prevention Centre to provide under appropriate FSC guidance continuous and effective assistance to participating States, upon their request, including in preparing national implementation measures, in close co-ordination with the 1540 Committee to complement its efforts;



3. Further promote experience sharing on national progress and lessons learned and develop effective practices on the implementation of resolution 1540 at the regional level, including, *inter alia*, through partnership with industry, relevant academia and think tanks as appropriate;
4. Task the Conflict Prevention Centre to maintain and develop, as appropriate, the OSCE network of Points of Contact on resolution 1540 as an integral part of the 1540 Committee network;
5. Task the Conflict Prevention Centre to enhance, where appropriate, co-operation and information sharing with the 1540 Committee and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs on all issues of relevance to the implementation of resolution 1540 and to continue acting as an OSCE Point of Contact on resolution 1540;
6. Encourage the participating States to take an active part in the process of comprehensive review of resolution 1540, to be completed in 2016;
7. Regularly review the implementation of this decision.