

Austrian Chairmanship

432nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM/Revised reissue*

1. Date: Wednesday, 13 October 2004

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. H.-W. Ehrlich

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Weapons of mass destruction, related materials (CBRN) and terrorism: Presentation by Mr. H. Gärtner, Austrian Institute for International Affairs: Mr. H. Gärtner, Armenia, Switzerland, Belarus, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT DECISION ON THE CBRN THREAT: CONTRIBUTION OF THE FSC

Chairperson, Switzerland, Belgium, United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands

Agenda item 4: REPORT BY THE FSC CHAIR ON THE SPECIAL FSC MEETING ON IMPLEMENTING THE OSCE DOCUMENT ON STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION

Chairperson

* Incorporates amendments to agenda item 6 and the addition of Annex 1.

Agenda item 5: FOOD-FOR-THOUGHT PAPERS ON:

- (a) *Updating the OSCE exchange of reports to the UN Register of Conventional Weapons Transfers: Austria, Belgium, Finland, United Kingdom*
- (b) *An inventory of existing decisions regarding SALW, review of the implementation of the OSCE Document on SALW: Belarus, Sweden, Switzerland*

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE MIGRATION TO THE NEW OPERATING SYSTEM AND THE SIMPLIFIED NETWORK ARCHITECTURE

Chairperson, Turkey, France (Annex 1), Germany, Belgium

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 4/04 (FSC.DEC/4/04), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the migration to the new operating system and the simplified network architecture.

United States of America (Annex 2)

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *First Swedish Arms Control Workshop for the Central Asia and Caucasus Region, held in Sweden from 2 to 8 October 2004: Sweden*
- (b) *Updating the OSCE Questionnaire on Anti-personnel Mines and Explosive Remnants of War: Canada*
- (c) *Provisional schedule of the OSCE SALW and Conventional Ammunition assessment visits: Netherlands, Russian Federation, Chairperson, France, FSC Co-ordinator for SALW Projects (Hungary)*
- (d) *Information circular on the special FSC event, to be held in Graz on 27 October 2004: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 20 October 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE

France associates itself with and fully supports the statement made by the delegation of Germany at the meeting held on 6 October 2004.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/Revised reissue***

Mr. Chairman,

The United States appreciates the thoughtful discussions in the Communications Group that have resulted in this decision for efficiencies to the Network that serves as a backbone for our interlocking arms control agreements and treaties.

In particular, we want to thank the Russian Delegation for its superb leadership of the subgroup that addressed the requirements of the future operating system, a subgroup that included Italy, the United States and the Network Management Team in a co-operative effort.

This FSC Decision continues the effective pattern of Communications Network actions by the FSC with regard to previous upgrades, e.g., FSC.DEC/5/98 that addressed Y2K upgrades. It emphasizes and reinforces the FSC's commitment to the Network.

We ask that this Statement be attached to the Journal of the Day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

* Incorporates a change to the annex number due to the addition of Annex 1.