

Azerbaijani Chairmanship**444th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 23 February 2005

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.20 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. P. Shahbazov

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

*Restructuring of Finnish Defence Forces according to the White Paper 2004:
Presentation by Lieutenant-General O. Jäppilä, Chief of Operations, Finnish Defence
Forces: Finland (FSC.DEL/41/05/Rev.1), Spain, Norway, Russian Federation,
Georgia, Germany, Luxembourg, Ireland*

Agenda item 3: DRAFT LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL

Chairperson, FSC Chef de file on the FSC contribution to the ASRC (Italy),
Germany, Turkey, Austria, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, France

The Forum for Security Co-operation agreed on the text of the letter from the
Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the
Permanent Council.

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *United States contribution to funding the OSCE project to eliminate rocket fuel component stocks in Armenia: United States of America, Armenia*
- (b) *Inspection request under Vienna Document 1999: Canada (Annex), Italy*
- (c) *Inspection visit under Vienna Document 1999: Sweden*
- (d) *Evaluation visit under Vienna Document 1999: Netherlands*
- (e) *Inspection visit under Vienna Document 1999: Estonia*
- (f) *Organizational matters: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 2 March 2005, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CANADA

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

On 22 November 2004, the Canadian Arms Control Verification Unit sent a Format 33 inspection request to the Uzbekistan Verification Unit, in accordance with the Vienna Document 99. The Canadian inspection request was declined by the Uzbekistan Verification Unit invoking “force majeure” under Section IX, article 78.1. No further information was provided on the cause or to specify the period of time covered, as required by the Vienna Document.

This latest refusal was the third instance that our Verification Unit saw their inspection request declined by Uzbekistan stating “force majeure” but without any further explanation. According to Article 78.2 of the Vienna Document, the Receiving State should, without delay, contact the Requesting State to provide an explanation of the circumstances of this “force majeure” giving also an approximate duration of this situation. Our efforts to date to communicate with Uzbekistan through diplomatic channels to obtain more information have unfortunately been unsuccessful.

We continue to look forward to receiving such information from Uzbekistan’s Verification Unit, and will be pleased to discuss further this issue with Uzbekistan in a co-operative manner.

Mr. Chairman, we would appreciate it if you could please attach this Statement to the Journal of the day.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.