

Chairmanship: Kazakhstan

656th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 21 September 2011

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 10.35 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS
 - (a) *Request to avoid arms control verification activities during the upcoming Olympic Games, to be held in London from 14 July to 12 September 2012: United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/143/11)*
 - (b) *Distribution of the revised draft agenda for the Special FSC Meeting on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.GAL/101/11/Rev.1), to be held on 28 September 2011: Chairperson*
 - (c) *Briefing by the FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary): FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary) (FSC.DEL/144/11 OSCE+) (FSC.DEL/145/11 OSCE+), Serbia (Annex), Germany, Chairperson*

- (d) *Matters of protocol*: United States of America, Chairperson, Romania, Italy, Hungary, Czech Republic

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 28 September 2011, in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Mr. Chairman,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

In June 2011, the Republic of Serbia requested assistance in enhancing security and stockpile management of storage sites containing conventional ammunition (two sites) and surplus disposal/demilitarization (FSC.DEL/100/11). The request based on the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, including FSC Decision No. 3/11 of 23 March 2011, was accompanied by the Questionnaire on the scope of the problem and specific assistance needs. Taking into account different risks and hazards as well as available resources and capacity for demilitarization sought assistance includes the following financial, technical and professional consultative elements:

- Procurement of equipment for the demilitarization of ammunition elements in an environmentally sound manner and equipment for automation of technological process of demilitarization (anti-aircraft ammunition cal. up to 23 mm disassembling machine, fuses screwing off unit calibre up to 30 mm), Annex 1;
- Training personnel to operate the said equipment;
- Demilitarization of conventional ammunition from the review (1,133.86 tons);
- Reconstruction of already existing and building new storage facilities on the perspective storage sites “Mrsać” and “Mirnička reka”.

In the period from 11 to 15 September 2011, the assessment team conducted a visit and assessed the feasibility of the project about which we have been just informed by Lieutenant Colonel Laslo Szatmari, FSC Co-ordinator on SALW and SCA Projects.

We would like to express our gratitude to the assessment team especially to our distinguished colleagues Lieutenant Colonel Laslo Szatmari, Lieutenant Colonel Detlef Hempel and Mr. Anton Martyniuk from FSC Support Section for their outstanding contribution during assessment visit.

Also, during this visit the assessment team could assure itself that the actions of Serbia in the field of conventional ammunition are fully in compliance with the OSCE/UN criteria procedures and standards.

The Republic of Serbia reiterates its full readiness to continue its own endeavour and contribution to this project.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.