

Chairmanship: Kazakhstan

660th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 19 October 2011

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 10.30 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. Y. Akhinzhanov

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Revised indicative schedule for plenary meetings under the FSC Chairmanship of Kazakhstan (FSC.INF/13/11/Rev.1): Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON AN ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 12/11 (FSC.DEC/12/11) on an annual discussion on the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Upcoming distribution of draft FSC Chairperson's reports to the Eighteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council, to be held in Vilnius on 6 and 7 December 2011: Chairperson*

- (b) *Briefing on the Fourth CFE Treaty Review Conference, held in Vienna on 29 September 2011: Moldova (Annex 1), Russian Federation (Annex 2)*
- (c) *Briefing by the Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre on UNSCR 1540 matters dealt with on his visit to Minsk on 13 October 2011: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Belarus*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 2 November 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA

Mr. Chairperson,
Dear colleagues,

The Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Moldova, in its capacity as the Chairmanship of the Fourth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, has been tasked by the Joint Consultative Group, through its Decision No. 3/11, to brief the Forum for Security Co-operation of the OSCE on the CFE Review Conference.

In this context, I would like to thank the Kazakhstan Chairmanship of the FSC for the interest attached to the CFE related issues, which this Delegation, as well, considers as relevant, deserving the attention of the FSC participating States.

Dear colleagues,

According to the task provided for in Article XXI, paragraph 1, of the CFE Treaty and in the Concluding Act of the Negotiation on Personnel Strength of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe of 10 July 1992, as well as the subsequent JCG Decision from 19 July 2011, the Fourth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe were convened on 29 September 2011 in Vienna, under the Moldovan Chairmanship. The Review Conference has conducted its business in a single working group that reviewed the Treaty operation in the period covering the last five years.

During the Conference States Parties has discussed the whole range of issues related to the implementation of the CFE Treaty. Under the agenda point "General statements" 27 States Parties delivered their statements. The results of debates revealed the persistence of divergences on a range of continuing implementation issues. As a consequence, Chairperson of the Conference concluded, with the agreement of all States Parties, on the impossibility to achieve a consensual Final Document of the Conference.

At the end of Conference, the Chairperson delivered its concluding remarks. In these remarks it was raised that all States Parties emphasized the importance of conventional arms control as a key element of European security. Most States Parties reaffirmed the value of the

CFE Treaty and its legally binding system of verifiable equipment limits, information exchange, and verification.

They recalled the Treaty's key achievements, including significantly reduced levels of Treaty-limited equipment in the area of application, the high degree of military transparency attained and the resulting increased level of confidence among States Parties.

At the same time, a large number of States Parties expressed their concerns regarding serious compliance and implementation issues that continue to undermine confidence and security in Europe.

A majority of States Parties noted that the suspension of implementation of Treaty provisions by one State Party in 2007 had resulted in a serious decrease in military transparency in Europe. They indicated that the situation where 29 States Parties continue to implement their Treaty obligations, while one State Party does not, cannot last indefinitely. Several indicated that they are considering their legal options. The need for all States Parties to fully implement all Treaty obligations was repeatedly mentioned.

The State Party that has suspended Treaty implementation reiterated its legal reasons for that action and stated that its suspension had resulted in a serious discussion of steps to restore the viability of the conventional arms control regime in Europe.

In addition to the discussion of suspension of Treaty implementation, a number of other compliance issues were raised.

A number of States Parties voiced concern that forces have been deployed on the territory of some States Parties without their free consent.

Several States Parties noted the need of full compliance with all of the Treaty's ceilings and sub-ceilings. Other highlighted the inability to conduct inspections throughout the entire area of application. Some noted in particular the emergence of "grey zones" within the area of application where the Treaty's mechanisms were not being implemented.

The challenge of UTLE (Treaty-limited equipment that is unaccounted for and uncontrolled within the area of application) was highlighted by a number of speakers.

Many States Parties expressed appreciation for the efforts that have been made since 2007, including in the 36 format, to find a way out of the current impasse. Some spoke of the need to modernize the CFE regime. All States Parties reiterated readiness to engage in renewed efforts to find a way forward to re-establish the effectiveness of conventional arms control in Europe. Several States Parties noted that such a dialogue must be based on key principles, including reciprocity, transparency during the negotiation process, and host nation consent for stationing of foreign armed forces.

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

In connection with the statement by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova on the results of the Fourth Conference to Review the Operation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, held on 29 September 2011, the delegation of the Russian Federation notes the following.

The above-mentioned statement echoes the basic positions of the concluding remarks by the Chairperson of the Conference, which reflect his strictly personal opinion and strictly personal assessments. The results of the Conference as presented in that document are, in our view, not entirely balanced. The said document does not bind the Russian Federation in any way. The Russian Federation made a statement in that connection which was attached to the journal of the Conference.

We request that the present statement be attached to the journal of the day.

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**DECISION No. 12/11
ANNUAL DISCUSSION ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON
POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 16/09, which called on the FSC to explore ways to strengthen the OSCE's politico-military toolbox, to continue to explore ways in which to improve implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, and to contribute to discussions on the principles inherent in the Code,

Noting the informative discussions that have emerged from special workshops and conferences on the Code of Conduct, in particular the 347th (special) meeting of Working Group A on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, on 23 May 2007, which focused on enhancing interest in the Code of Conduct and strengthening implementation of the Code,

Seeking to establish a mechanism of focused and regular discussions of the annual information exchange provided for under the questionnaire and of other themes relating to the Code of Conduct and exchange ideas for improving its implementation,

Decides to:

- Regularize a focused discussion on implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security by devoting an annual special one-day meeting to the Code of Conduct (annual implementation discussion on the Code of Conduct) in the context of the work programme of the second session of the FSC;
- Task the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE Secretariat, within its mandate, with providing a report on the implementation of the Code of Conduct before this meeting. The report will be based on the annual information exchange under the Code of Conduct and will be limited to the provision of statistical data related to implementation. Common practices will be identified and highlighted in general terms. The report will not enter into comparisons of national policies or provide any assessment of implementation. This task will be completed within the existing CPC budget;

- Invite the OSCE Secretariat, the ODIHR, field missions and the OSCE Partners for Co-operation;
- Invite, as appropriate, representatives of think tanks of international standing and security-related scientific institutes to a morning session of this meeting to share views on implementation, while the following evaluation discussion of the afternoon session of the meeting is to be restricted to participating States;
- Encourage the participating States to continue to discuss issues relating to implementation of, and information exchange under, the Code of Conduct, also in the contexts of the Security Dialogue and the working groups of the FSC.