

Chairmanship: Kyrgyzstan

676th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 29 February 2012

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.35 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador L. Imanalieva

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Update report on the export control reform efforts in the United States of America (FSC.DEL/19/12 Restr.):* United States of America
- (b) *Issues related to the implementation of the Vienna Document:* Slovenia (Annex 1)
- (c) *Financial contributions to projects on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina:* Czech Republic, Serbia (Annex 2), Bosnia and Herzegovina
- (d) *Development of a governance and oversight mechanism for the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers:* United Kingdom (Annex 3), United States of America, Switzerland

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation to the FSC on the Wassenaar Arrangement by Mr. S. Danielsson: Chairperson, Mr. S. Danielsson (FSC.DEL/23/12 OSCE+), Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine,

in alignment) (FSC.DEL/21/12), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Annex 4), United States of America, Turkey (FSC.DEL/22/12 OSCE+), Switzerland, Russian Federation

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Multinational Vienna Document 2011 inspection visit to Ukraine, conducted from 14 to 17 February 2012*: Slovakia (Annex 5), Russian Federation
- (b) *Announcement of the circulation of introductory remarks to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly special debate on the future of conventional arms control in the OSCE area (PA.DEL/1/12)*: United States of America
- (c) *Matters of protocol*: Germany, United Kingdom, Chairperson
- (d) *Round-table staff meeting on the topic of UNSCR 1540 Co-ordination Needs and Practices, held in Vienna on 20 and 21 February 2012*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) *Training event on the implementation of UNSCR 1540, to be held in Dushanbe from 3 to 7 April 2012*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (f) *Announcement of a correction to the summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document and other measures*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (g) *Change in distribution status of the one-off information exchange on the OSCE Principles on the Control of Brokering in Small Arms and Light Weapons*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (h) *Distribution of the report on the OSCE assessment visit to Moldova, conducted from 20 to 25 November 2011 (SEC.GAL/36/12 OSCE+)*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Switzerland, Moldova
- (i) *Participation in the Vienna Marathon charity event on 15 April 2012 by the military advisers of the delegations of OSCE participating States*: France

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 14 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SLOVENIA

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

In response to the statement made by the Delegation of the Russian Federation at the 674th plenary meeting, I would like to make the following statement:

The Republic of Slovenia submitted the Annual Exchange of Information on Defence Planning of the Republic of Slovenia for the year 2010 with Note Verbale No. 16/11 dated 22 February 2011. In accordance with the Vienna Document 1999, Chapter II, the Republic of Slovenia presented the information exchange concerning defence planning for the fiscal years 2011–2012 and indicative planning for the planning period 2013–2015.

The Republic of Slovenia conveyed again the same report with Note Verbale No. 10/12 dated 27 February 2012.

As a participating State, Republic of Slovenia is firmly committed to implementing all agreed documents of the OSCE, thereby contributing to transparency and confidence-building measures within the zone of application of CSBMs.

I request this statement to be attached to the journal of the day.

I thank you, Madam Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Republic of Serbia I would like to express gratitude for the valuable contribution that the Czech Republic intends to make to the practical implementation to the OSCE–UNDP Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management (CASM) in the Republic of Serbia.

The Czech Republic, as well as the Kingdom of Spain and the United Kingdom which already contributed to this project, have already supported projects in the Republic of Serbia in different areas, some of them in the security and defence sector.

This project is in the stage of launching of its first phase – demilitarization of white-phosphorus-filled ammunition class G and H and napalm powders.

I use this opportunity to thank the Conflict Prevention Centre, FSC Support Section and Lt. Colonel László Szatmári, FSC co-ordinator on SALW and stockpiles of conventional ammunition projects.

The Republic of Serbia is looking forward to close co-operation with all partners involved during implementation of the project.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

The United Kingdom wishes to draw the attention of participating States to collaborative work taking place on the development of a governance and oversight mechanism for the International Code of Conduct (ICoC) for Private Security Service Providers. The Code, which was inaugurated in Geneva in 2010, seeks to ensure that companies involved in this difficult work, in sometimes very dangerous environments, voluntarily observe the principles of human rights and international humanitarian law. Over 300 companies worldwide have already signed up to the Code, and 40 per cent of these are based in the United Kingdom. As part of a multi-stakeholder steering committee, the United Kingdom is actively involved in the development of a charter as a governance mechanism for the ICoC; a draft of this charter was published on 16 January 2012, and it is open to comment and consultation until 16 March 2012.

The United Kingdom strongly believes that adherence to the International Code of Conduct raises standards for private security companies (PSCs) worldwide, and that the oversight and governance mechanism for the Code will improve accountability and compliance with those standards. However, if the ICoC is to be effective there needs to be a strong level of support, from all concerned governments.

Participating States may already be actively contracting PSCs and will wish to ensure that those employed meet the highest standards and avoid the potential for disrepute by association. We believe that, by employing PSCs that have been certified by the ICoC, participating States will be able to carry out due diligence more effectively and rapidly. As part of the temporary steering committee the United Kingdom would welcome the involvement of OSCE participating States in the ICoC process, to help make the system as effective and responsive as possible. This involvement might include:

- Providing points of contact for future discussions about the ICoC and issues relating to PSCs;
- When contracting PSCs, expressing a public commitment to promote compliance with the ICoC and the principles of the Montreux Document on Pertinent International

Obligations and Good Practices for States related to Operations of Private Military and Security Companies during Armed Conflict;

- Supporting the establishment of a strong ICoC oversight mechanism that is financially able to carry out its mandate effectively by contributing to start-up costs through a voluntary trust fund. Financial arrangements have not yet been finalized, but agreement has been reached in principle that signatory companies will be the primary funders of the ICoC and will bear the full costs of certification. Some start-up funding from governments and other donors will be needed to establish the secretariat, monitoring procedures and compliance assessment procedures;
- Submitting their views on the draft charter at www.icoc-ppsp.org.

Madam Chairperson,

Although the ICoC was historically targeted at land-based companies, many of the principles are equally applicable to maritime security companies. As a large proportion of recent ICoC signatory companies are from the maritime sector, the board of the governance mechanism of the ICoC is mandated in the draft charter to contribute to additional principles and standards related to maritime security.

The United Kingdom very much hopes that all interested participating States will actively engage in the development of this important work.

Madam Chairperson,

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the meeting.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

The Republic of Macedonia fully aligns with the EU statement. Please allow me to add a few words in my national capacity.

We warmly welcome you, Mr. Danielsson, to the FSC and we appreciate your comprehensive presentation. Macedonia is firmly dedicated to the core values and goals of the Wassenaar Agreement. We are very much interested to participate in non-member states activities on expert level – the Wassenaar outreach activities – as a transitional phase to full-fledged membership.

We are in constant communication with our partners and we already have expressed our ambition to become a participating State. It is exactly in line with our foreign policy priorities – European and Euro-Atlantic integration. We keep working hard to that end.

Madam Chairperson, I request this statement to be attached to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SLOVAKIA

Madam Chairperson,

Slovakia conducted a multinational Vienna Document 2011 inspection from 14 to 17 February 2012. South Crimea, Ukraine, was designated as the specified area for the inspection.

The inspection team received all briefings carried out by both Ukrainian and Russian military representatives, in accordance with provisions of the VD 2011, and visited peacetime location of Ukrainian military units and Russian forces local training area.

No military activity, which would be a subject to prior notification, was observed during the inspection in the specified area.

The inspection was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the VD 2011 in the friendly atmosphere of mutual confidence and transparency. The escort team made every effort to assist the inspection team. More details about the inspection can be found in the report that will be distributed through the OSCE communications network shortly.

I would like to thank Romania for participation of her inspector in this activity and Ukraine and the Russian Federation for efficient assistance during the inspection.

Madam Chairperson,

We believe that only full implementation of the Vienna Document 2011 in all its measures and provisions by all participating States in good faith will assure confidence, predictability and military transparency in the OSCE area.

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Thank you.