

Chairmanship: Latvia

680th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 25 April 2012

Opened: 11.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador G. Apals

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

Agenda item 1: OPENING STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE FSC BY AMBASSADOR ANDRIS TEIKMANIS, STATE SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia (FSC.DEL/36/12), Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/35/12), United States of America, Kyrgyzstan, Ireland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Armenia, Turkey (FSC.DEL/37/12), Greece, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Issues related to the non-implementation of commitments with regard to confidence- and security-building measures: United States of America

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the revised indicative schedule under the FSC Chairmanship of Latvia (FSC.INF/7/12/Rev.1):* Chairperson
- (b) *Multinational Vienna Document 2011 inspection visit to Ukraine, conducted from 28 to 30 March 2012:* Czech Republic, Ukraine
- (c) *Matters of protocol:* Switzerland
- (d) *Tenth anniversary of the signing of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea:* Turkey (Annex)
- (e) *Organizational matters:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 2 May 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF TURKEY

Mr. Chairperson,

Today is the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea. Since Turkey is the Chair to the Document for the year 2012, I would like to briefly share some information regarding this Document.

The Document was elaborated during the negotiations among the Black Sea littoral States, which were held on the basis of “Guidelines for the Conduct of Negotiations on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea” from 23 June 1998 to November 2001. It was adopted on 25 April 2002 in Kiev, Ukraine, during the meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organisation for Black Sea Economic Cooperation. The implementation of the activities within the scope of the Document started on 1 January 2003.

The Document aims to develop co-operation and to improve confidence and security among the six Black Sea littoral countries, namely Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine. Consisting of politically binding measures, the Document embodies measures for co-operation and contacts in the naval field, invitations to naval bases, exchange of naval information and conduct of confidence annual naval exercises.

The document has provisions ensuring freedom of navigation and joint naval activities of participating States with third States and the measures embodied in the Document are not applicable to naval activities, which the participating States conduct jointly with third States, and do not affect other international agreements or political documents concluded by the participating States or their official position in the negotiations of such agreements or documents.

Since the entry into force, many naval base visits and confidence annual naval exercises have been conducted and information exchanged, which we believe have contributed significantly to the regional security and confidence in Black Sea.

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Last year, participating States started using the OSCE network for transmitting notifications, which has been a useful improvement with regard to the implementation of the Document. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the participating States of the Document, to thank the Conflict Prevention Centre and the Network Management Team for their efforts in the integration of the notifications of the Document to the OSCE network.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

I kindly ask you to append this statement to the journal of the day.