

# Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Forum for Security Co-operation

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### 643rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. <u>Date</u>: Wednesday, 13 April 2011

Opened: 12.15 p.m. Closed: 1.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador S. Skjaldarson

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Forum for Security Co-operation, offered condolences to Belarus in connection with the tragic bombing on the Minsk underground on 11 April 2011. The FSC observed a moment of silence. Condolences were likewise offered by Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Turkey and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/80/11/Corr.1), Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Armenia and Georgia. Belarus expressed gratitude for the condolences and expressions of solidarity.

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Refusal of a request for an evaluation visit to the Russian Federation: Georgia (Annex), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2011 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) (FSC.DEL/85/11 OSCE+): Chairperson

The Forum for Security Co-operation agreed to forward the letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2011 Annual Security Review Conference.

- (b) Matters of protocol: Kazakhstan, Chairperson
- (c) 2011 small arms and light weapons policy course, to be held in Vienna from 6 to 10 June 2011: Austria

Agenda item 3: CLOSING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FSC, H.E. AMBASSADOR STEFÁN SKJALDARSON

Chairperson (FSC.DEL/86/11), Ireland, Lithuania, Italy, Canada, United States of America

### 4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Wednesday, 11 May 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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#### STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GEORGIA

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to bring the following matter to the attention of the Forum:

On 29 March 2011, Italy submitted a request to conduct an evaluation visit at the 7th Military Base of the Russian Federation located in Maykop (CBM/IT/11/0007/F36/O).

In response, the Russian Federation informed the Italian side that it would be impossible for the requested evaluation visit to be carried out, because the full personnel of the 7th Military Base had been relocated on a permanent basis to Abkhazia, Georgia (CBM/RU/11/0041/F37/O).

The Russian response to Italy's request once again confirms that the Russian Federation is carrying out an unprecedented military build-up and concentration of the military forces on the occupied territory of Georgia. This is a matter of great concern for the Georgian side.

In January 2011, at the Forum for Security Co-operation, the First Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia presented a detailed report regarding the Russian forces of occupation illegally deployed at that point in time on the sovereign territory of Georgia.

The Georgian side once again appeals to the OSCE community to pay due attention to the ongoing heavy militarization of the occupied territory of Georgia and to call on Russia to unconditionally implement its commitments under the Ceasefire Agreement of 12 August 2008.

Thank you.