

Chairmanship: Poland

815th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 13 April 2016

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Bugajski

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

Agenda item 1: OPENING STATEMENT BY H.E. MAREK ZIÓŁKOWSKI,
UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE, MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POLAND

Chairperson, Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland (FSC.DEL/65/16 OSCE+), Netherlands, Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/62/16), Romania, Belarus (FSC.DEL/60/16 OSCE+), Portugal, Armenia (FSC.DEL/64/16), Canada, Germany, United States of America, Turkey, Russian Federation, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/61/16), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/63/16), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 2)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Financial contribution to the project on the security upgrade of ammunition and weapons storage sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina (SECUP):* Norway (Annex 3), Chairperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Slovenia) (also on behalf of the FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America))
- (b) *Reminder about the Global Exchange of Military Information, to be held on 28 April 2016:* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Reminder regarding the deadline of 15 April 2016 for responses to the questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security and regarding an invitation to an informal meeting on the Code of Conduct, to be held on 21 April 2016:* FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Czech Republic)
- (d) *Informal meeting on the status of the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme (MONDEM), to be held on 19 April 2016:* Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Slovenia) (also on behalf of the FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America))
- (e) *Demonstration of the disposal of small arms and light weapons (SALW) under the joint UNDP-OSCE project on Capacity-Building of Small Arms and Light Weapons Stockpile Management and Security, to be held in Belarus on 12 May 2016:* Belarus
- (f) *Food-for-thought paper on the FSC's contribution to the 2016 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/59/16 Restr.):* Chef de file of the FSC for the 2016 Annual Security Review Conference (Austria)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 20 April 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Annex 1

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with today's statement by the Russian delegation on the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (ARC), the delegation of Ukraine wishes to emphasize the following.

International law prohibits the acquisition of part or all of another State's territory through coercion or force. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which remains an integral part of Ukraine, was illegally occupied by military force and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. Illegitimate actions on the part of the Russian Federation do not have any legal consequences with regard to the status of the ARC as an integral part of Ukraine. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders is safeguarded by international law and UN General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, "Territorial integrity of Ukraine".

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the illegal occupation and annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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

Dear Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the reference to Crimea in the statements by a number of delegations today, the delegation of the Russian Federation feels obliged to make the following observations.

The proclamation of independence of the Republic of Crimea and its incorporation into the Russian Federation was a legal expression of the right of the people of Crimea to self-determination at a time when Ukraine, with outside support, was in the throes of a *coup d'état*, with radical nationalist elements exerting a forceful influence on the decisions adopted in the country, which in turn resulted in the interests of the Ukrainian regions and Russian-speaking population being ignored.

The multi-ethnic population of Crimea took the corresponding decisions by a huge majority in a free and fair expression of its will. The status of the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as constituent entities of the Russian Federation is not open to reconsideration or discussion. Crimea is and will remain Russian. This is a fact that our partners will have to come to terms with.

This position is based on and fully complies with international law.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY

Mr. Chairperson,

I am happy to announce that Norway has decided to donate 200,000 Norwegian kroner (NOK), approximately 21,000 euros, to the OSCE small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA) depository fund (ExB 1100745), earmarked for securing and upgrading ammunition and weapons storage sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Norway has previously supported the work of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina in this field with a contribution of 235,000 euros.

The objective of the new donation is to contribute to OSCE efforts to reduce the risk of weapons and ammunition proliferation, and specifically to help improve national physical security and stockpile management standards in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you.