

**Chairmanship: Bulgaria**

**1046th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 24 May 2023 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10 a.m.  
Suspended: 11.55 a.m.  
Resumed: 12.20 p.m.  
Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Krалеva  
Mr. M. Ninov

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Special military operation to denazify and demilitarize Ukraine*: Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/207/23) (FSC.DEL/207/23/Add.1)

Point of order: Germany

- (b) *Russian war of aggression against Ukraine*: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/206/23), United Kingdom, Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the potential candidate country Georgia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/204/23), United States of America (FSC.DEL/205/23), Canada, France (FSC.DEL/208/23 OSCE+), Lithuania

- (c) *Announcement by the Russian Federation of its withdrawal from the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe*: Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/211/23), United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, United States of America, France (FSC.DEL/209/23 OSCE+), Finland (FSC.DEL/212/23 Restr.), Moldova

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *2023 Annual Security Review Conference: Russian Federation, Chairperson, North Macedonia*

The Chairperson announced that she would forward the letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the Forum's recommendation to adopt a Permanent Council decision on the dates, agenda and modalities of the 2023 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/203/23 Restr.)

- (b) *Announcing and Reminding Mechanism pursuant to FSC Decision No. 10/02: Chairperson*
- (c) *Lack of consensus on holding the 2023 Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security: Chairperson (Annex)*
- (d) *Matters of protocol: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 31 May 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE CHAIRPERSON**

Following the FSC Decision No. 12/11 on an Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, Bulgaria, in its capacity as holder of the Chairpersonship in the second session in 2023, has undertaken the measures and efforts necessary to carry out the tasking contained in the decision. As stated in the FSC Chairperson's opening statement at the beginning of the current session, Bulgaria has also consulted the participating States by inviting them to share their views on the organization of the Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct in 2023.

Since our consultations have indicated that no reasonable basis for consensus is emerging, the Bulgarian FSC Chairpersonship has decided not to put forward a draft decision on the agenda, timetable and modalities of an Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

Remaining firmly committed to the principles inherent in the Code of Conduct and sincerely dedicated to the pursuit of the relevant tasking and discussions, the Bulgarian FSC Chairpersonship, in accordance with its declared intentions at the opening meeting, will take steps necessary to ensure the visibility of this important document during the current session. Following this, it will organize a Security Dialogue on the subject of the Code of Conduct.

In my capacity as Chairperson, I will attach this statement to the journal of today's meeting.