

**Chairmanship: Luxembourg**

**730th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 16 October 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.45 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador H. Wurth

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Forum, offered condolences to Tajikistan in connection with the train accident that took place on 10 October 2013.

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

*Presentations on Central Asia:*

- (a) *“Regional security challenges in Central Asia” by H.E. Ambassador M. Jenča, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Central Asia and “The OSCE’s involvement in the political-military dimension in Tajikistan” by H.E. Ambassador I. Nasredinov, Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the OSCE: Chairperson, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Central Asia, Ambassador I. Nasredinov, Lithuania-European Union (with 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/162/13), Turkey, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)*
- (b) *“Joint Efforts on Development of the National Capacity in Mine Action and Small Arms and Light Weapons / Conventional Ammunition Security in Tajikistan” and “Progress on Technical Co-operation on Explosive Hazards Reduction and Response in Central Asia” by Mr. L. Buhin, Mine Action*

*Officer, OSCE Office in Tajikistan: Mr. L. Buhin (FSC.DEL/160/13 OSCE+) (FSC.FR/1/13 OSCE+), Lithuania-European Union (with 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 and Moldova, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/161/13/Rev.1), Switzerland, United States of America, Tajikistan*

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Co-operation agreement on improving the security of ammunition and weapons storage sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina, between the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Regional workshop on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540, to be held in Kyiv on 5 and 6 November 2013 (CIO.GAL/135/13 OSCE+): Ukraine*
- (b) *Matters of protocol: Switzerland, Chairperson, Slovakia, Czech Republic*
- (c) *Meeting on the role of ombuds institutions in protecting human rights of armed forces personnel, held on 14 October 2013: FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Germany)*
- (d) *Announcement of the completion of the destruction of all obsolete and expired ammunition in Cyprus: Cyprus (Annex), Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (e) *Distribution of the third quarterly CPC survey on CSBM information exchanged in 2013 as of 1 October 2013 (FSC.GAL/103/13 Restr.): Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (f) *Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Development Programme and the OSCE on expanding and strengthening co-operation (SEC.GAL/169/13 Restr.): Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (g) *Annual exchange of military information, to be held on 12 December 2013: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 23 October 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CYPRUS**

Mr. Chairperson,

The Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the OSCE would like to inform the Forum that the destruction of all obsolete and expired ammunition as described in the questionnaire of 2 November 2011 has been successfully completed. The destruction of 111,643 40 mm Bofors cartridges (770 tons) was carried out between September 2011 and 15 June 2012 and the destruction of 7,035 rounds of 81 mm mortar ammunition in the first semester of 2013, both with the open burning open detonation (OBOD) method and in accordance with all OSCE documents and other international norms.

Additionally, by process of tender evaluation, the contract for the destruction of 23,347 rounds of 60 mm mortar ammunition and of 33,356 rounds of 105 mm artillery ammunition has been granted by Cyprus's Ministry of Defence to a Spanish company, and for the destruction of 63,200 0.50 and 8,627,933 0.303 and 0.30 inch cartridges to a Cypriot company.

Furthermore, in accordance with a four-year "framework" contract concluded by the Cypriot Ministry of Defence with five private companies, in the future any obsolete or surplus ammunition will not remain in the National Guard's ammunition depots but will be transferred to the aforementioned companies for destruction within a period of time not exceeding 15 days from the date of the official request of the Ministry of Defence.

Finally, an ammunition laboratory equipped with the latest technology exclusively used for ammunition powder control has been established in the Republic of Cyprus. In addition, we are still continuing with the construction of new and the renovation of old ammunition storage sites.

Mr. Chairperson,

Once more, the delegation of Cyprus would like to ask you to convey our sincere thanks to the CPC Support Section and wishes to thank the participating States Bulgaria, France, Greece, Italy, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States of America for supporting the project of technical assistance and for assisting in the destruction of obsolete and expired ammunition in Cyprus.

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

Thank you.