

Chairmanship: Estonia

## 543rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 23 April 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 10.20 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. T. Parts

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Determination No. 2008-15 of the President of the United States of America on the Eligibility of Kosovo to Receive Defense Articles and Defense Services: Serbia (Annex), United States of America, Russian Federation*

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

None

Agenda item 3: LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FSC TO  
THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL

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 Forum's recommendation on adoption of a decision on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2008 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/68/08/Rev.2).

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE FSC CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2008  
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 3/08 (FSC.DEC/3/08), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the FSC contribution to the 2008 Annual Security Review Conference.

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Eleventh International Meeting of Mine Action Programme Directors and United Nations Advisers, held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and also in Šibenik, Croatia, from 14 to 18 April 2008: Croatia*
- (b) *Publication of the national report of the Republic of Belarus on export control policy, export of armaments and military equipment in 2007: Belarus*
- (c) *Organizational matter: Luxembourg*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 30 April 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**543rd Plenary Meeting**

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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA**

Madam Chairperson,

During the two previous plenary meetings of the Forum for Security Co-operation (on 9 and 16 April) some delegations expressed their opinions with regard to Presidential Determination No. 2008-15, signed on 19 February 2008 by the President of the United States of America, George W. Bush, on providing Kosovo with military articles and defence services.

The Republic of Serbia still considers Kosovo and Metohija to be an integral part of the country, a circumstance that the representatives of our authorities and our delegation have stressed several times in OSCE bodies. Bearing in mind that the FSC is designed primarily to deal with military aspects of security, we consider it to be quite natural that this Forum should also be informed about the position of the Republic of Serbia on the decision mentioned above.

On this issue, the Serbian delegation read out a statement at the 707th meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council on 3 April 2008 (which was distributed under reference number PC.DEL/251/08). The whole content of that statement is still valid, and I am not going to repeat it. I wish only to make it crystal clear that everything which appears as a “follow up” to Kosovo’s illegal unilateral declaration of independence, as well as its recognition, can by definition be nothing but a further violation of almost all international norms and principles. Also, since the Marti Ahtisaari plan for the supervised independence of Kosovo was never considered nor accepted by the United Nations Security Council, no decision that is based on this plan can be valid.

Madam Chairperson and dear colleagues,

At the very end, I have to admit that, having had a bitter experience as a result of the recent history, we were neither frightened nor surprised by this decision.

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

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.



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**DECISION No. 3/08  
FSC CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2008  
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3, which, *inter alia*, tasks the FSC to make its contribution to the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC),

Decides:

1. To present a report in writing and orally to the opening session of the ASRC through the Chairperson of the FSC;
2. To propose to the Chairman-in-Office that one FSC Troika member or the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre co-ordinates and chairs an appropriate working session of the ASRC;
3. To submit to the Chairman-in-Office a list of politico-military elements, which could serve as items for discussion and possible subjects of keynote speeches in all sessions, as suggested by FSC delegations.