

Chairmanship: Liechtenstein

711th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 27 February 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M.-P. Kothbauer

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on human rights and fundamental freedoms in the armed forces – including women's access to combat positions, by Ms. Snježana Bokulić, Head of the Human Rights Department of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), and Ms. Rachel Natelson, Legal Director, Service Women's Action Network (SWAN): Chairperson, ODIHR (ODIHR.GAL/14/13 OSCE+), Ms. R. Natelson (FSC.NGO/3/13 OSCE+), Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues (CIO.GAL/17/13 OSCE+), Senior Adviser on Gender Issues (SEC.GAL/36/13 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; 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, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/33/13), United States of America, Turkey, FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Germany), Switzerland (FSC.DEL/38/13 OSCE+), Armenia, Canada, Slovenia, Croatia, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Response to a statement on non-compliance with commitments and obligations in the politico-military dimension made by the Russian Federation at the 708th plenary meeting of the FSC:* Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of

Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (Annex 1), Russian Federation

- (b) *Financial contribution to the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme (MONDEM)*: Luxembourg (Annex 2), Montenegro
- (c) *Financial contribution to the project on managing stockpiles of conventional ammunition in Serbia*: Hungary (Annex 3), Serbia (FSC.DEL/37/13), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Information provided by the Russian Federation on a recent series of measures related to the conducting of surprise inspections on military logistics assignments*: Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/36/13 OSCE+), United States of America
- (b) *Matters of protocol*: Romania, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 13 March 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union (EU) and its Member States would like to use the right to reply to the statement made by the delegation of the Russian Federation at the FSC meeting on 6 February 2013 while taking note also of the statements on the same subject delivered earlier by the delegations of the Republic of Moldova, Belgium, Slovakia, Bulgaria and San Marino.

First and foremost, we would like to thank our distinguished colleagues from the Russian Federation for having drawn attention to the need for further improvement in the level of implementation of the commitments in the politico-military dimension of the OSCE. We unconditionally share such an objective and state once again our attachment to the full and non-selective implementation of all such commitments by all OSCE participating States.

Efforts to both improve implementation and to uphold the integrity of existing OSCE commitments, specifically in the politico-military field, are an integral part of the process of their further strengthening and enhancement.

Against this background, we reiterate our readiness to engage constructively in a common endeavour to strengthen, enhance and modernize, where necessary, the OSCE politico-military commitments and instruments.

The acceding country Croatia¹, the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Iceland² and Serbia¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this statement.

We thank you, Madam Chairperson, and ask you to attach this statement to the journal of today's meeting.

1 Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

2 Iceland continues to be a member of EFTA and the European Economic Area.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF LUXEMBOURG

The Montenegro Demilitarization Programme (MONDEM) was established in April 2007 following a request from the Republic of Montenegro for a capacity-building programme for SALW demilitarization and safe storage. It is a joint programme of the Government of Montenegro, the UNDP and the OSCE. Since its initiation, Luxembourg has supported the MONDEM project with donations amounting to more than 100,000 euros. Luxembourg will continue to support the MONDEM project and will donate a further 10,000 euros in 2013. We believe that the results achieved so far are impressive and we encourage all participating States to contribute to the third phase of the project.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF HUNGARY

Madam Chairperson,

Hungary considers the implementation of OSCE SALW and SCA projects as one of the flagships of our Organization. The achievements in this field are undoubted: the thousands pieces of SALW and thousands tons of CA destroyed through the assistance of the OSCE make the life of the citizens of the OSCE region safer, create favourable circumstances for economical growth, promote social, infrastructural development. This OSCE assistance cannot be feasible without the dedication and the commitments of the participating States themselves: we all should consider our own possibilities to find the way to take part in this very important process.

The Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management (CASM) for the Republic of Serbia helps our neighbours and friends – *inter alia* – in finding the technical solution for the demilitarization of white phosphorus filled ammunition and napalm powders.

Hungary believes in the success of all OSCE projects, in particular in the success of the CASM for Serbia. Commending all already donors, in order to become a part of this joint endeavour Hungary decided to donate 10,000 euros to be used for the purpose of Project No. 1101215, project title “Assistance to the Government of Serbia in Demilitarization of White Phosphorus Filled Ammunition and Napalm Powder”.

We wish all possible success to the colleagues-implementers from the CPC FSC Support Section and those of the Ministry of Defence of Serbia. We hope and wish we could celebrate soon the new achievements in the project.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

I ask you to attach this statement to the journal of today’s meeting.