

Chairmanship: Germany

964th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 16 December 2020 (via video teleconference)

Opened: 11.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador G. Bräutigam

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson reminded the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) of the technical modalities for the conduct of FSC meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, as outlined in FSC.GAL/109/20.

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 7/20 (FSC.DEC/7/20) on the agenda and modalities of the thirty-first Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE OSCE HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DOCTRINE SEMINAR

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 8/20 (FSC.DEC/8/20) on the agenda, timetable, and organizational modalities for the OSCE high-level military doctrine seminar, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (Annex 1), Sweden, United States of America

Agenda item 3: CLOSING REMARKS BY H.E. AMBASSADOR
GESA BRÄUTIGAM, CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM
FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION

Chairperson, Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; 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/330/20), United States of America (Annex 2), Albania (Annex 3), Switzerland (FSC.DEL/326/20 OSCE+), United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/332/20 OSCE+), Turkey (Annex 4), Canada, Azerbaijan, Sweden (Annex 5), Russian Federation (Annex 6), Ukraine (FSC.DEL/333/20 OSCE+), Armenia

Agenda item 4: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Announcing and Reminding Mechanism pursuant to FSC Decision No. 10/02: Chairperson (Annex 7)*
- (b) *18th Annual Consultation on the review of the implementation of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea, held on 11 December 2020: Romania, Russian Federation (Annex 8)*
- (c) *Matters of protocol: Belarus, Chairperson, Armenia*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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

Madam Chairperson,

The Russian Federation has joined the consensus on the Forum for Security Co-operation decision on the agenda of the OSCE High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar.

At the same time, we are obliged to note that by no means all of the topics included in the programme are directly related to military doctrines. A number of them are potentially confrontational and not conducive to restoring and strengthening mutual understanding at the level of military leadership of OSCE participating States. In particular, the planned discussion of competition below the threshold of armed conflict in Session 3 is questionable, as the very formulation of the issue suggests a discussion of “hybrid” threats.

In the light of these facts, as well as the sanctions policy and anti-Russian rhetoric of the West, the participation of representatives of the Russian Ministry of Defence in the event is not planned. This will be the case for the first time in the history of high-level seminars.

Furthermore, I would like to inform you that in view of our fundamental opposition to discussion of “hybrid” threats within the OSCE’s politico-military dimension, the Russian delegation will refrain from taking part in Session 3.

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



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Madam Chairperson,
Dear Gesa,

We would like to express our great appreciation for the German leadership of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) over the past period, and for all the success that you have had. We wish to build upon that success. As always, it has been my privilege to work alongside of you and your outstanding team as you so ably led this Forum this last trimester and into the Ministerial Council. I will continue to rely on your wise counsel and advice as the United States takes over the Chairmanship in January. Rest assured we share your priorities and will carry on the good work and relentless efforts of the German Chairmanship on Vienna Document modernization, small arms and light weapons, and implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325, among other areas, during our tenure as you nobly did in your tenure.

We are honoured to assume the FSC Chairmanship. As you are all aware, it has been 18 years since the United States last chaired this Forum and much has changed over the intervening years to be sure, not all of it, but much of it, not for the better. The overall deterioration of mutual trust and confidence in Europe has had a profound impact on our core work in the Forum for Security Co-operation of building confidence and promoting military transparency. That erosion makes the FSC more important. The joint statement at the Ministerial Council – supported by 45 participating States – calling for substantial work to update the Vienna Document testifies to the urgency of this effort. The Vienna Document has been widely discussed this year. It has been carefully presented, and carefully discussed. It is intended to be a confidence-building device. If in fact there is nervousness or concern over military exercises anywhere on the European continent, if there is any such anxiety, the Vienna Document is intended to be a device to reduce that tension and reduce that anxiety. If exercises are for an offensive or aggressive purpose, then you would not want the Vienna Document. If the goal here is to create confidence, transparency, security, and to reduce the possibility of any kind of conflict, then you would want the Vienna Document, which is why modernization continues to keep coming up, and will be a focus during our leadership as well. The joint statement of the Ministerial Council calling for work on the Vienna Document adds to the urgency of this effort.

We must also take account of the evolution of military doctrine, as mandated in the Vienna Document, and are honoured to convene the five-year High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar on 9 and 10 February, which will offer a key opportunity for high-level military leadership to demonstrate their professional command of strategy and doctrine and deep commitment to the rule of law and the principles of the Helsinki Final Act, as well as their readiness to rebuild military transparency via the Vienna Document. We are grateful all participating States have agreed to engage in the High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar. It is our aspiration that every country participate fully because we believe it is in the best interest of all of our countries that we engage in this discussion and dialogue at this time in the FSC. We hope your chiefs of defence or commensurate-level military officials can join us. Confidence-building, however, is not only a matter of updating our toolkits and military doctrines – it is, at heart, a matter of strategic intent.

Madam Chairperson,

Our collective work on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition also remains at the core of the FSC's mandate. The biennial conference you convened this fall and the normative framework the German Chairmanship put forward at the Ministerial Council helped pave the way for our sustained work in this field. As you know Madam Chairperson, the United States was fully supportive of your efforts on small arms and light weapons. We worked very hard to try and secure a Ministerial decision on this. We will return to these issues during our Chairmanship. The United States will devote two FSC security dialogues to small arms and light weapons, focused on the threat of man-portable air defence systems (MANPADs) and on explosive hazards in Central Asia, a region of geostrategic importance and particular value in the OSCE and the FSC.

Finally, Madam Chairperson, in addition to ensuring that our toolkits are “fit for purpose,” we must ensure that this Forum remains “fit for purpose.” This cannot be the case without the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women. The United States Chairmanship will convene a joint meeting of the FSC and Permanent Council with the incoming Swedish OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. Here again, the German Chairmanship helped pave the way forward, and we will use your efforts in the Ministerial Council as a guidepost to discuss concrete implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 in the work of this Forum.

Madam Chairperson,

We want to thank several others for the success of the FSC this year – Ukraine as it departs the Troika, as well as Turkey, for their important contributions as FSC Chairmanships. We look forward to working with Armenia, as it joins the FSC Troika, and with our host country, Austria, which will chair the FSC later in the new year. We want to especially thank the Albanian Chairmanship of the OSCE. We also appreciated the work of the previous Slovakian Chairmanship on their Ministerial. The Tirana Ministerial was an outstanding success because of the leadership and statesmanship of the Albanian Chairmanship, Prime Minister Edi Rama, and particularly our colleague Igli Hasani. We are very grateful for their statesmanship and look forward to working with the Swedish Chairmanship and with all our friends and our colleagues to make this coming year a success.

With this, I wish one and all a restful holiday break as we gear up for our renewed collective efforts in the Forum for Security Co-operation in 2021.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Please attach this statement to the journal of the day

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ALBANIA

Thank you, Madam Chairperson,
Dear Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear colleagues,

I would like to thank and commend you, dear Gesa, and your team for the excellent leadership during this last trimester and the tireless and tremendous work.

My team and I are grateful for the close partnership – and the friendship – with you and your team during this demanding period of time.

Excellencies,
Colleagues,

This Forum remains an essential part of our comprehensive efforts to explore challenges, discuss opportunities and, ultimately, build stability and security in Europe. I am convinced that the German FSC Chairmanship, with this broad picture in mind, has done a tremendous job in bringing important impulses for our discussions on politico-military factors of security.

This has been the case in existing key areas of work of the Forum, such as small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA), United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 and on the “modernization of the Vienna Document.

Madam Chairperson,

You have also reminded us that our work remains important and that this platform can play a role for addressing emerging and future challenges such as new technologies, to which you also dedicated a Security Dialogue.

We have seen great value in your open and trusted approach in discussing these, sometimes challenging topics, many of which have been also a priority for us as Chairmanship.

Albania attaches great importance to the topic of small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition. As a long-time recipient country, Albania knows how important it is to counter the illicit spread of SALW and SCA. It ranks as one of the key conditions to ensure stability and security in Europe.

Advancing the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325, which has been a unifying topic among the majority of the participating States, was and remains a central part of discussions in this Forum.

Albania, like 51 other co-signatories of the joint statement on United Nations Security Council resolution 1325, delivered at the Tirana Ministerial Council, is convinced that 20 years after the adoption of this landmark resolution, we need to do more to fulfil the pillars of the women, peace and security agenda, including through targeted work and tangible outcomes in the FSC's areas of work.

We also welcomed discussion on the modernization of the Vienna Document modernization. I have stated on many occasions that Albania remains a steadfast supporter of the modernization proposals and that we believe it is in all of our joint interest to dust off the key tools of confidence- and security-building we have developed in the past, to adapt them to a new reality.

Madam Ambassador,

As Chairmanship of the Permanent Council, and together with you and the Chairperson of the Informal Working Group Structured Dialogue, Ambassador Cuesta, we fully supported the discussions in our joint meeting of the FSC and Permanent Council on the Structured Dialogue to assist the ongoing efforts to reduce risks and enhance stability through dialogue.

During your Chairmanship another important meeting took place, which is worth mentioning, the second Biennial Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition.

As you duly pointed out, the key element to approaching such an issue is multilateralism, co-operative effort and also strengthening the inter-organizational co-operation, as a response to the global challenges stemming from SALW and SCA of conventional ammunition.

Madam Chairperson,

We value the FSC as a crucial element of our Organization. I reiterate that we strongly support it as one of the OSCE's key platforms to build trust and confidence among participating States by assessing and supporting the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the politico-military dimension.

The Chairperson-in-Office, H.E. Mr. Edi Rama, has reminded us at the Tirana Ministerial Council that it remains our joint responsibility to address the challenges we are facing in the OSCE area and to make this region a more secure place for our citizens.

To move forward in challenging times and growing mistrust, we need strengthen our resolve to work towards the once shared vision among us, by:

- Respecting our principles;
- Implementing our commitments;
- Decreasing our divergences;
- Working towards multilateralism;
- Choosing conversation as opposed to confrontation; and
- Managing to be co-operative rather than to create disruption.

Excellencies,

To conclude, let me once again, thank you, dear Gesa, and your team for your dedication, commitment, and hard work as FSC Chairmanship.

Allow me to take a moment and express our gratitude for the Turkish and Ukrainian FSC Chairmanships during the first and second trimester of 2020 and thank them for their leadership, professionalism and close co-operation with the Albanian Chairmanship team.

In addition, let me welcome the incoming FSC Chairmanship under the leadership of the United States of America. Dear Ambassador, dear James, we wish you all the best of success during your term, in this important undertaking. Please, do count on our unconditional support.

Together with the German FSC Chairmanship which has now come to an end, even the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship is nearly closing its journey.

Therefore, I wish to extend our immense and heartfelt gratitude to all of you, for all your support towards the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship, throughout this unprecedented year.

I thank you for your attention.

I kindly request this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF TURKEY

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

I would like to thank you, Ambassador Gesa Bräutigam, for your closing statement.

I also congratulate you and your able team for a successful FSC Chairmanship during one of the most challenging periods in the Forum's history, as a result of the conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the difficulties, Germany successfully steered the plenary meetings and working group activities, thereby enabling us to keep our dialogue alive.

As I mentioned on previous occasions, the ability to adopt a proactive approach and adapt our way of work is what defines our success at times of crisis.

I also wish to take a moment to emphasize the role played by the Conflict Prevention Centre and, in particular, by its FSC Support Section in ensuring the success of FSC Chairmanships.

We also thank the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship, in particular Ambassador Hassani, for their excellent collaboration.

As the first Chairperson of the Forum this year, I was able to experience at the first hand the value of close co-operation and support for the success of the FSC.

Madam Chairperson,

The German Chairmanship designed a well-balanced and relevant agenda that included both current and prospective issues.

We welcomed the continuity on the topics such as small arms and light weapons, stockpiles of conventional ammunition, Vienna Document and UN Security Council resolution 1325.

We appreciate the added value of bringing a pressing topic such as new technologies.

Turkey, on its part, actively and constructively engaged in all these sessions.

On the other hand, despite all valuable efforts by the German Chairmanship, we regret not reaching a consensus within the scope of the FSC on the draft decisions and declaration during the Tirana Ministerial Council.

If we genuinely wish to strengthen the Forum, we need to be open to discussions and seek to understand diverging views better.

Madam Chairperson,

Creating a constructive atmosphere conducive to mutual understanding is vital in bringing added value to the FSC.

Yet, in some sessions, we witnessed and recorded unfortunate attempts against Turkey to exploit this Forum for smear campaign.

Aggressive rhetoric and distortion of the facts fully contradict with the spirit of this Forum.

We look forward to having a meaningful dialogue, mutual understanding and constructive engagement in the upcoming sessions.

Madam Chairperson,

Taking this opportunity, we also register our call on all participating States to strictly adhere to their commitments and obligations in order to strengthen the security in the OSCE area.

Unilateral and arbitrary decisions that violate the letter and spirit of the Vienna Document and the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe harm the bases of our security architecture.

Madam Chairperson,

We look forward to co-operating with the incoming United States Chairmanship.

I wish Ambassador Gilmore and his team success. The United States delegation can count on our support.

Finally, Madam Chairperson, I wish to emphasize that it was a pleasure to work with you. We thank you once again for all your efforts.

Finally, we wish a happy holiday seasons to all.

I kindly ask that my statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWEDEN

Madam Chairperson,
Dear Gesa,

Sweden fully aligns itself with the statement of the European Union and wishes to make a statement in its national capacity.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, dear Gesa, for an excellent Chairmanship during this last trimester. While your task has certainly not been without challenges, I must say I have admired the way you and your highly skilled team have mastered them all in a very professional and co-operative manner.

With national views and positions often differing or even in opposition with one another, you and your team have displayed excellent diplomatic skills and with a firm but friendly hand have shown analytical capability, inclusiveness and leadership in these difficult times.

One recent example was of course the intensive work on the military-political texts for the Ministerial Council in Tirana. These were built upon your Chairmanship programme, in which you did your utmost to find a way forward. Although it was finally not possible for them to be adopted, the two strong statements on the Vienna Document and on women, peace and security and, furthermore, a text on small arms and light weapons that enjoyed extensive support surely constitute a sound base for future efforts in these areas.

I therefore congratulate and thank you and your team on a job very well done. It has been a pleasure to work with you and your delegation and I'm looking forward to our co-operation in the future.

I would also like to welcome the United States of America as the incoming holder of the FSC Chairmanship. When examining the United States' focus areas, I was pleased to note that several topics coincide with Swedish priorities for the coming year, for example, women, peace and security, on which we will have a joint meeting of the FSC and Permanent Council, the Vienna Document, and small arms and light weapons. I'm therefore confident that we can offer mutual support in many ways and thereby, I hope, give extra impetus to a number of issues important for the FSC and also for the OSCE as a whole.

As there is now a change in the FSC leadership, Sweden also warmly welcomes Armenia into the FSC Troika and thanks the outgoing Troika member, Ukraine, for its contribution to our work.

I'm looking forward to co-operating with all three FSC Chairmanships next year – good luck to you all.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Please attach my statement to the journal of the day.



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

Madam Chairperson,
Dear Gesa,

We join in the positive assessment of the German Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) and thank you for your informative statement.

We agree with the approach of our German colleagues regarding the need in the current situation to strengthen the role of the Forum as a platform for dialogue and the exchange of national experience in the different aspects of military security. We express our gratitude to all members of the German Chairmanship team for their diplomatic skills as well as the work they have done in filling the Security Dialogues with non-confrontational topics.

We should like to stress in particular that the atmosphere in the FSC over the past four months has improved significantly. In addition, a good basis has been laid for our work together in the Forum, which we hope will be taken into account by other Chairmanships. This applies in particular to the subjects of small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition.

We welcome the United States of America as the incoming FSC Chairmanship and also the Armenian delegation as the new member of the Troika. We look forward to close and fruitful co-operation with our distinguished US and Armenian colleagues and wish them every success.

I cannot conclude without responding to the remark made by the representative of the European Union about my country. I should like to recall a recent statement, or rather a question from Minister Lavrov, as to whether, in the light of recent events, it is even possible to deal with European Union structures, given their “unpartnerly” and unfriendly attitude towards Russia. This is a rhetorical question, of course, and does not need a reply.

As for the statements by the United Kingdom, Canada, Ukraine and others, I do not even want to dignify them with a response.

On the matter of Crimea, we have already long ago said everything we want to say on this subject.

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



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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear colleagues,

I should like to make a short statement of my own under this agenda item.

It concerns the various information obligations provided for in our politico-military instruments in the OSCE. In accordance with Chapters IV, VIII and IX of the Vienna Document, certain information had to be submitted by 15 November. In our capacity as Chairmanship and in implementation of the reminder mechanism pursuant to Forum for Security Co-operation Decision No. 10/02 of 10 July 2002, we shall contact in writing those participating States that have not yet provided the information due.

I appeal to all participating States that have not yet responded to do so, indicating in their reply when the notification will be provided. Thank you.

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



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

Madam Chairperson,

Allow me to warmly thank our distinguished Romanian colleagues for their work as Chair of the Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea and for the annual consultations. In spite of the difficulties caused by COVID-19, the event was extremely well organized.

As the incoming Chair of the Document in 2021, the Russian Federation underlines the importance of continuing and intensifying the six-party interaction. We see our common task as seeking ways together to expand the work on the various aspects of the Document's implementation, bearing in mind that strengthening security in the Black Sea region is the prerogative of the littoral States.

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

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**DECISION No. 7/20
AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING**

(2–3 March 2021, Vienna and/or via Zoom)

Vienna Document:

- (148) *The participating States will hold each year a meeting to discuss the present and future implementation of agreed CSBMs. Discussion may extend to:*
- (148.1) – *Clarification of questions arising from such implementation;*
- (148.2) – *Operation of agreed measures, including the use of additional equipment during inspections and evaluation visits;*
- (148.3) – *Implications of all information originating from the implementation of any agreed measures for the process of confidence- and security-building in the framework of the OSCE.*
- (149) *Before the conclusion of each year's meeting the participating States will normally agree upon the agenda and dates for the subsequent year's meeting. Lack of agreement will not constitute sufficient reason to extend a meeting, unless otherwise agreed. Agenda and dates may, if necessary, be agreed between meetings.*
- (150) *The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will hold such meetings. It will consider, as required, suggestions made during the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs.*
- (150.4) *Participating States which, for whatever reason, have not exchanged annual information according to this document and have not provided an explanation under the FSC announcing and reminding mechanism, will during the meeting explain the reasons why and provide an expected date for their full compliance with this commitment.*

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 2 March 2021

- 10–11 a.m. Opening session
- Opening of the Meeting by the Chairperson
 - Remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC
 - Presentation of a summary report and of the report on the Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)
 - General statements
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 1: Implementation of the Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI) and the Vienna Document, Introduction and Chapters I to III: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions
- GEMI
 - Vienna Document
 - Introduction
 - Annual exchange of military information:
 - (i) Information on military forces
 - (ii) Data relating to major weapon and equipment systems
 - (iii) Information on plans for the deployment of major weapon and equipment systems
 - Defence planning
 - (i) Exchange of information
 - (ii) Clarification, review and dialogue
 - Risk reduction
 - (i) Mechanism for consultation and co-operation as regards unusual military activities
 - (ii) Co-operation as regards hazardous incidents of a military nature
 - (iii) Voluntary hosting of visits to dispel concerns about military activities
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break

- 3–6 p.m. Working session 1 continued if necessary
- Working session 2: Implementation of the Vienna Document, Chapters IV to XII: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions
- Contacts:
 - (i) Visits to air bases
 - (ii) Programme of military contacts and co-operation
 - (iii) Military contacts, military co-operation
 - (iv) Demonstration of new types of major weapon and equipment systems
 - (v) Provision of information on contacts
 - Military activities:
 - (i) Prior notification of certain military activities
 - (ii) Observation of certain military activities
 - (iii) Annual calendars
 - (iv) Constraining provisions
 - Compliance and verification
 - (i) Inspection
 - (ii) Evaluation
 - Regional measures
 - Communications Network

Wednesday, 3 March 2021

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2 continued if necessary
- Working session 3: Suggestions aiming at improvement of the implementation of CSBMs
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break
- 3–4 p.m. Working session 3 continued
- 4.30–5.30 p.m. Closing session
- Discussion
 - Possible recommendations on the dates and the agenda and modalities of the 2022 AIAM
 - Concluding remarks
 - Closure

II. Organizational modalities

1. The AIAM will last two days and will have opening and closing sessions and working sessions dealing with the topics contained in the agenda (Section I, above). The indicative timetable provides greater detail. Due to the exceptional circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 situation, the AIAM will be held remotely via Zoom in a blended format.
2. The organizational meeting of chairpersons, co-ordinators, rapporteurs, and the CPC is scheduled to be held on Monday, 1 March 2021, at 3 p.m. (possibly via Zoom). The working hours of the AIAM will be on the first day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and on the second day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m.
3. Interpretation into the official languages of the OSCE will be provided at all sessions of the AIAM.
4. The sessions will be chaired by representatives of the participating States, in rotation, in accordance with the French alphabetical order, following on from the chairing of the closing plenary meeting of the 2020 AIAM by Moldova. The chair of the opening session and working sessions will be held by Mongolia. The chair of the closing session will be held by Montenegro.
5. Debates in the working sessions will be oriented towards problems and solutions and there will be no formal statements. Any national statements for the opening session should be presented in written form only and are to be distributed in advance. The working sessions are designed to be informal meetings of national experts with the objectives of answering questions, exchanging information and allowing for constructive debate between participating States. Delegations are strongly encouraged to provide detailed presentations and concrete examples of their own implementation experiences. Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions prior to the Meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. If a delegation (participating via Zoom) wishes to make an impromptu intervention, it can use the chat function to request to take the floor. All delegations are strongly encouraged to provide national experts to participate in the AIAM. Participants are strongly encouraged to read the procedural and technical guidelines for remote meetings (SEC.GAL/45/20) and the addendum on naming conventions (SEC.GAL/45/20/Add.1/Rev.1).
6. To serve as a basis for preparatory work by delegations and co-ordinators, the CPC will circulate the following no later than 31 January 2021:
 - The revised Annual Survey on CSBM Information Exchanged and the AIAM Survey of Suggestions 2020;
 - A summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document and other measures;
 - A summary report on the Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres.
7. Each working session will have one designated co-ordinator and one rapporteur throughout. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate and follow the discussion, while

the immediate task of the rapporteurs will be to present brief written summary reports for use by the Chairperson of the closing session.

8. The co-ordinators will circulate a list of topics and questions designed to facilitate discussion in their working sessions no later than 12 February 2021. They will be supported by the CPC in this regard. They will ensure that all relevant areas are addressed. The co-ordinators are also encouraged to focus discussions on suggestions that might be supported by the delegations.

9. Delegations that have volunteers to act as co-ordinators and/or rapporteurs for the working sessions should provide the names of the individuals to the Chairperson of the FSC as soon as possible, but no later than 2 February 2021. The names of the co-ordinators and rapporteurs for all the working sessions will be made known to all delegations no later than 3 February 2021.

10. At the first FSC plenary meeting following the AIAM, the Chairperson of the closing session will report to the FSC on the AIAM. Within one month after the AIAM, the Chairperson will provide the consolidated summary containing the Chairperson's statements and the presentations in the opening session, the reports of the rapporteurs of the working sessions and the Chairperson's closing remarks. Prior to publication, the rapporteurs are encouraged to circulate their draft reports to the delegations of those participating States that contributed to the relevant working session. Within a month after the AIAM, the CPC will circulate a written report on suggestions made during the Meeting aimed at improving the implementation of CSBMs.

11. In order to ensure the most productive discussion in the FSC when the participating States consider, as required, suggestions for improvement of the implementation of CSBMs made during the Meeting, the approach recommended is for delegations to bring forward suggestions or topics of interest by means of food-for-thought papers. Discussions on initial papers could lead to further work in the FSC.

12. Before the conclusion of the 2021 AIAM, the participating States are encouraged to consider recommendations for the agenda and dates for the 2022 AIAM. The agenda, modalities and dates of the 2022 AIAM should be adopted by a decision in the FSC before the end of 2021.

13. The Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend all sessions of the 2021 AIAM.



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DECISION No. 8/20
**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR
THE OSCE HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DOCTRINE SEMINAR**

(Vienna and/or via Zoom, 9 and 10 February 2021)

The OSCE will hold a High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar (HLMDS) in Vienna on 9 and 10 February 2021, the eighth of its kind within the OSCE, to discuss doctrinal changes and their impact on defence structures in the light of the present European security situation.

This Seminar will be held in accordance with FSC Decision No. 6/20 (FSC.DEC/6/20) dated 4 November 2020. Such seminars are encouraged in the Vienna Document 2011 on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures by fostering the process of transparency, openness, and predictability.

I. Agenda and timetable

Tuesday, 9 February 2021

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| 10–11 a.m. | Opening session |
| | – Opening remarks |
| | – Keynote speeches |
| 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | Session 1: Security situation in the OSCE area and operational trends (with coffee break) |
| | – Introduction by session moderator |
| | – Kick-off speaker(s) |
| | – Review of intersessional process |
| | – Overview of strategic and operational trends |
| | – Brief introductions by panellists |

- Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
- Moderator’s closing remarks
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch
- 3–4.15 p.m. Session 2: Conventional deterrence panel
 - Introduction by session moderator
 - Kick-off speaker(s)
 - Assess participating States’ views on the role combat-credible military has in deterring armed conflict
 - Brief introductions by panellists
 - Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
 - Moderator’s closing remarks
- 4.15–4.30 p.m. Coffee/tea break
- 4.30 p.m.–6 p.m. Session 3: Competition panel
 - Introduction by session moderator
 - Kick-off speaker(s)
 - Discuss the re-emergence of long-term strategic competition among States and its impact on military doctrines to include competition below the threshold of armed conflict
 - Brief introductions by panellists
 - Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
 - Moderator’s closing remarks

Wednesday, 10 February 2021

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Session 4: Co-operation panel
 - Introduction by session moderator
 - Kick-off speaker(s)
 - Within the context of increasing security challenges, how can doctrine address the need for co-operation among States?

- Brief introductions by panellists
 - Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
 - Moderator’s closing remarks
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch
- 3–4.15 p.m. Session 5: Crisis response panel
- Introduction by session moderator
 - Kick-off speaker(s)
 - Highlight the need for military forces to support civilian authorities during crisis response and how the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic is shaping doctrine development
 - Brief introductions by panellists
 - Discussions with panel and participants from the floor
 - Moderator’s closing remarks
- 4.15–4.30 p.m. Coffee/tea break
- 4.30–5 p.m. Closing session: Concluding remarks
- Conclusion and topics identified for further discussion or possible OSCE engagement
 - Concluding remarks by FSC Chairperson

II. Organizational modalities

Preparation for the Seminar

Chiefs of defence/general staff or other senior officials and relevant academics from participating States will be invited to attend the Seminar. Following appropriate consultations, the FSC Chairperson will invite relevant international organizations, institutions and personalities. The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to attend the Seminar.

The FSC Chairperson will nominate a moderator and rapporteurs for each session. The FSC Chairperson will also select keynote speakers and panellists for each session from among the names proposed by participating States.

The deadline for online registrations will be 5 February 2021.

The incoming FSC Chairperson will announce on 17 December 2020 whether the meeting will be held in a virtual or blended (1+2 at minimum) format.

Keynote speakers will be requested to submit their presentation for circulation to delegations no later than Monday, 1 February 2021.

A final preparatory meeting will be organized on 8 February 2021 (possibly via Zoom) between the FSC Troika, moderators, keynote speakers, rapporteurs and panellists to discuss in detail the conduct of the Seminar and how to best to manage it to achieve the desired results.

The Secretariat, in accordance with its departmental responsibilities, will support the FSC Chairperson in administrative and budgetary preparations for the Seminar.

A welcome reception and/or dinner might be organized by the OSCE/FSC Chairmanship, depending on the seminar's conduct modalities blended or fully virtual.

Other necessary organizational arrangements will be dealt with by Working Group A of the FSC.

Conduct of the Seminar

Due to the exceptional circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 situation, the Seminar will be held remotely via Zoom/in a blended format.

A key objective of the Seminar is to have interactive dialogue inspired by the keynote speakers and panellists. Therefore, delegations are encouraged not to read out prepared general statements during the Seminar.

Each working session will be introduced by the session moderator, followed by presentations by up to three kick-off speakers (up to fifteen minutes each), after which discussions will take place. The debate will be stimulated by appropriate interventions from up to four panellists per session (up to five minutes each). Interventions from the floor will be very welcome and should be limited to a maximum of three minutes per speaker. If a delegation (participating via Zoom) wishes to make an impromptu intervention, it can use the chat function to request to take the floor. In order to ensure the effective conduct of the Seminar, the moderator of each session will facilitate and focus the discussions and stimulate an interactive debate by introducing questions related to the topics dealt with by that session or by reordering the sequence of interventions. The moderator is also responsible for ensuring equal access to the floor and for providing all participants with the opportunity to intervene within the established time frame of the session. During each session, the moderator may adjust time limits depending on the number of requests for the floor and the time available. Speakers who exceed the time limits will be notified by the moderator.

Prior to the closing session of the Seminar, each rapporteur, after appropriate consultation with the relevant session moderator, will submit a bulleted briefing to the FSC Chairperson covering the issues addressed during their respective working sessions.

On the basis of the reports provided by the rapporteurs for each of the five sessions, the FSC Chairperson will present a summary report of the discussions (after the completion of the Seminar) that will be brought to the attention of the FSC.

Interpretation will be provided between the official languages of the OSCE.

Rooms for informal meetings will be provided in form of breakout rooms via Zoom.

Other OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will, *mutatis mutandis*, be applied to the Seminar. The guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account and participants are strongly encouraged to read the procedural and technical guidelines for remote meetings (SEC.GAL/45/20) and the addendum on naming conventions (SEC.GAL/45/20/Add.1/Rev.1).