
French Chairmanship

269th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM/Corrected reissue*

1. Date: Tuesday, 16 November 1999

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 11.35 a.m.

2. Chairman: Mr. H. Ladsous

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Switzerland (FSC.DEL/363/99 Restr.), United States of America
(FSC.DEL/366/99), United Kingdom, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: INFORMATION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT
CONSULTATIVE GROUP

Chairman of the Joint Consultative Group (France) (FSC.DEL/362/99 Restr.)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE PROBLEM OF THE SPREAD OF
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

Chairman

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 6/99
(FSC.DEC/6/99), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the problem
of the spread of small arms and light weapons.

Finland-European Union and Canada (FSC.DEL/364/99), United States of
America (FSC.DEL/365/99), Poland

* Incorporates amendments regarding Annex 5.

Agenda item 4: ADOPTION OF THE VIENNA DOCUMENT 1999

Chairman, Co-ordinator of the ad hoc Working Group (Canada)

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted the Vienna Document 1999, which was distributed separately as FSC.DOC/1/99.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (interpretative statement, see Annex 1), Sweden, Netherlands (FSC.DEL/368/99 Restr.), Canada, Turkey (interpretative statement, see Annex 2), Italy, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Cyprus (interpretative statement, see Annex 3), Greece (interpretative statements, see Annexes 4 and 5), United States of America (FSC.DEL/367/99), Belarus, United Kingdom, Armenia

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1999 OSCE Summit Declaration: Germany

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Annex 1

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Interpretative statement under paragraph 79 (Chapter 6) of
the Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations

By the delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

“In connection with the reference used for our country in paragraph (1) of the Vienna Document 1999 of the Negotiations on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures, the Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia stresses the fact that the constitutional name of our state is the Republic of Macedonia.

The Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia requests that this interpretative statement be recorded in the Journal of the day.”

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By the delegation of Turkey:

“The Government of Turkey had placed a reservation concerning the representation of Cyprus at the CSCE Summit on 31 July 1975 (CSCE/III/1). The Government of Turkey has later reiterated this reservation at subsequent meetings, and in this regard on the occasion of the adoption of the Vienna Document 1994 has made an interpretative statement on the validity, applicability or binding effect of that Document as regards and in relation to Cyprus as recorded in FSC Journal No. 94 dated 28 November 1994. There is no change in the Turkish policy in these issues.

In the same interpretative statement the Government of Turkey stated that the Vienna Document is negotiated and adopted on the basis of the commitments undertaken in the Helsinki Final Act and the ten principles contained therein, among them the principle on the ‘Fulfilment in good faith of obligations under international law’. Therefore, the implementation of the Vienna Document has to be carried out in full conformity with this principle, including respect for the relevant provisions of the international agreements and treaties regarding the demilitarized status of specific territories. Consequently, any notification or acts of implementation carried out under the provisions of the Vienna Document cannot in any way affect the demilitarized status of such territories as described in the relevant instruments as well as the international obligations related to this status arising from these international instruments. The Government of Turkey maintains the same policy on this issue as well.

It is requested that this statement be recorded in the Journal of the Day.”



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By the delegation of Cyprus:

“The delegation of Cyprus wishes to make an interpretative statement to be duly registered in the Journal of the Day, in reply to the interpretative statement made by the delegation of Turkey.

The Vienna Document 1999 of the Negotiations on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures just adopted by consensus is equally binding on all participating States without exception. Any selectivity in its implementation is in clear contravention of CSCE/OSCE principles and procedures. The interpretative statement of the delegation of Turkey, therefore, is of no effect whatsoever.

The statement that there is no change in the Turkish policy *vis-à-vis* the representation of Cyprus does not affect in any way the status of the internationally recognized Republic of Cyprus and of its Government.”

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By the delegation of Greece:

“During the negotiations for the review of the Vienna Document 1994, Greece proposed that the Vienna Document’s area of application be defined so as to include the whole land area of Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals. The proposal’s aim was to enhance the elements of transparency and predictability in the Vienna Document, thus increasing the feeling of security of participating States. A more open Vienna Document should, in our view, take into account the last decade’s dramatic changes. It should be adapted to the needs of the twenty-first century and should not consolidate distinctions which lead to more transparency and predictability for some and less for others.

This proposal was not retained during this negotiation. In order to facilitate consensus on the adoption of the new Vienna Document 1999, Greece decided not to insist at this stage on its proposal contained in document FSC.VD/4/99 of 27 January 1999, while reserving the right to return to it during future deliberations on the Vienna Document.

Mr. Chairman, we request that the above statement be recorded in the Journal of the Day.”



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By the delegation of Greece:

“In connection with the interpretative statement made by the delegation of Turkey, the delegation of Greece wishes to make the following interpretative statement in reply:

The statement made by the delegation of Turkey, concerning both one participating sovereign State and the demilitarized status of certain territories, is simply of a political nature, has unilateral value and concerns non-issues.

We wish to reiterate our position as stated on the occasion of the adoption of the Vienna Document 1994 and recorded in FSC Journal No. 94 of 28 November 1994.

I would like to ask you, Mr. Chairman, to kindly have this statement attached to the Journal of the Day.”