

Chairmanship: Hungary

## 615th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 30 June 2010

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 11.25 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador Gy. Molnár

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *United Kingdom's national strategy on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict:* United Kingdom (Annex)

(b) *Distribution of draft OSCE principles on governing non-proliferation (FSC.DEL/65/10 Restr.):* Ukraine, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

*Presentation by Ambassador Stephan Husy, Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), on opportunities for OSCE-GICHD co-operation in the field of stockpile management, safe ammunition storage and demining:* Chairperson, Director of the GICHD (FSC.DEL/66/10/Corr.1), Canada, Switzerland, France, Turkey, Germany, United States of America, Belarus

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON A MEETING OF THE HEADS OF VERIFICATION CENTRES

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 4/10 (FSC.DEC/4/10) on a meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Request to the Chairperson of the Joint Consultative Group to make a presentation to the FSC: Chairperson, Moldova*
- (b) *Visit to an airbase and military facility from 31 August to 3 September 2010: Sweden*
- (c) *Donor's visit to Ukraine on 24 June 2010: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Chairperson, Ukraine*
- (d) *Organizational matters: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 5 July 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Mr. Chairperson,

In the context of the UK's implementation of its commitments to the OSCE's Code of Conduct on Politico-Military aspects of Security, and in particular the obligation to alleviate suffering among the civilian population (paragraph 19), I wish to draw participating States' attention to the UK's national strategy on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict.

The strategy sets out what the UK will do in four policy areas:

- Political engagement: strengthening international human rights monitoring and political action on protection;
- Protection by peace support operations: improving protection language in the mandates of peacekeeping and other peace support operations, and pushing for better execution of protection tasks on the ground;
- Humanitarian action: helping strengthen the work of humanitarian agencies, and improving humanitarian access;
- State capacity: strengthening security and justice services, and improving the international community's response.

The strategy text can be found on the FCO website via the following link:

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/publications-and-documents/publications1/protection-civilians-armed-conflict/>

Mr. Chairperson,

We ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the meeting.

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**DECISION No. 4/10  
MEETING OF THE HEADS OF VERIFICATION CENTRES**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming that the OSCE Vienna Document 1999 (VD 99) remains a key instrument for confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) and noting that the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) provides an important venue to discuss the implementation of agreed measures under the provisions of VD 99,

Recognizing the interest expressed by participating States for the organization of a Heads of Verification Centres meeting to exchange experiences and information on technical aspects of implementation,

Encouraged by the positive and constructive dialogue during the twentieth AIAM on the VD 99,

Recognizing the advantages to holding a Heads of Verification Centres meeting outside the framework of the AIAM,

Decides:

1. To call for a meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres on 13 December 2010;
2. To task the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) to prepare and chair the meeting;
3. That the agenda for the meeting should include the following main subjects:
  - Verification-specific discussion on the implementation of CSBMs and other relevant issues between the Heads of Verification Centres;
  - Exchange of views on the accomplished verification activities of the current year;
  - Exchange of views on scheduled activities under VD 99;
  - Exchange of views on improving the implementation of VD 99;
4. To task the CPC to report on the meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres at the opening session of the twenty-first AIAM.