

**Armenian Chairmanship**

**425th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 30 June 2004

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Tabibian

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Ratification of the Agreement on Adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe by the Russian State Duma on 25 June 2004*: Russian Federation, Belarus, Kazakhstan

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

(a) *German Forces in transformation: Presentation by Brigadier General Langheld, German Ministry of Defence*: Chairperson, Germany, Finland, United States of America, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Austria, Russian Federation, Netherlands, Sweden, Italy

(b) *Cross-dimensional aspects of security: Presentation by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities*: Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/149/04 Restr.), Russian Federation, France, Switzerland, Finland, Slovenia

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Workshop on the implementation of the Action Plan of the United Nations on Small Arms and Light Weapons, held in Guatemala, from 31 May to 4 June 2004*: Spain (FSC.DEL/262/04 Restr.)

- (b) *FSC's contribution to the 2004 Annual Security Review Conference:* Russian Federation (Annex), Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on the 2004 ASRC (Netherlands), Slovakia, Chairperson, Austria
- (c) *Inspection visit under Vienna Document 1999:* Finland
- (d) *OSCE Communications Network:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Chairperson
- (e) *Matters of protocol:* Netherlands, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 7 July 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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

The delegation of the Russian Federation regrets that the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) was unable to make its own contribution to the preparations for the second Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC). The reason for this was the position taken by the OSCE Chairmanship, which referred the discussion of all issues regarding the preparations for and holding of the ASRC to the exclusive competence of the “Group of Friends” of the OSCE Permanent Council. This approach contravenes both the decision of the Ministerial Council meeting in Porto regarding the FSC’s contribution to preparations for the ASRC and also the mandate of the Forum itself. We regard these actions by the Bulgarian Chairmanship as illegal and inadmissible.

The Russian delegation recalls the need to observe OSCE decisions meticulously, including the decision of the Ministerial Council meeting in Bucharest on relations between the Permanent Council and the Forum, where the special status of the latter is confirmed.

We request that this statement be attached to the Journal of the day.