

Chairmanship: Malta

746th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 19 February 2014

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 11.30 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Azzopardi

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on Illicit Trafficking of Armaments in the Mediterranean Region, by Mr. A. Al-Grady, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Libya: Chairperson, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Libya (FSC.DEL/28/14 OSCE+), Greece-European Union (with 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/26/14), Switzerland (Annex), Tunisia (Partner for Co-operation), Algeria (Partner for Co-operation), Morocco (Partner for Co-operation), Egypt (Partner for Co-operation), United Kingdom, United States of America, Turkey (FSC.DEL/27/14 OSCE+), Italy, Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Spain), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Winter Meeting, discussion on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, on 13 February 2014: FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Germany), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Russian Federation*

- (b) *Appeal for support for the Vienna City Marathon charity event on 13 April 2014, in which military advisers of delegations of OSCE participating States are taking part: Spain*
- (c) *Distribution of information on the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty by the United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/25/14): United Kingdom*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 26 February 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Dear Mr. Chairperson,
Dear Minister,
Excellencies,
Dear colleagues,

Switzerland warmly welcomes Dr. Abdul Razak Al-Grady today in the Forum for Security Co-operation and thanks him for his very informative presentation on “Illicit Trafficking of Armaments in the Mediterranean Region”. We also thank and congratulate the Maltese FSC Chairmanship for having put this important topic on the agenda of today’s Security Dialogue.

We welcome Libya’s readiness to take advantage of international support, and recognize its effort to be part of and to implement the relevant international obligations.

In 2013, Switzerland chaired the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation of the OSCE and recognizes the great importance for the OSCE of security and stability in the Mediterranean region. It is therefore encouraging to have seen that, during the last Mediterranean Contact Group meeting in 2013, Libya convincingly demonstrated the potential synergies between the challenges the country is currently facing and the lessons learned that the OSCE can share in all three dimensions of security.

In the fields of SALW and SCA, Switzerland could envisage supporting the initiative of an OSCE-led round table with all the relevant stakeholders to examine possibilities for a comprehensive life-cycle management for small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition, including capacity-building in these fields, accompanied by risk-mitigation activities to allay imminent threats. Such a format has been successfully instituted in Moldova and Tajikistan in the past and could serve as a possible example with regard to Libya.

Since 2013, Switzerland has always been supportive of Libya’s intention to become an OSCE Partner for Co-operation. As holder of the Chairmanship of the OSCE, Switzerland will continue its work with the Partners to build the consensus that is needed in this respect.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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