

Chairmanship: Moldova

753rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 7 May 2014

Opened: 11 a.m.

Closed: 1.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Popov

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

Agenda item 1: OPENING STATEMENT OF THE MOLDOVAN FSC CHAIRMANSHIP BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, H.E. NATALIA GHERMAN

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova (FSC.DEL/79/14), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; 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, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/83/14), United States of America, Turkey, Ukraine (FSC.DEL/81/14), Belarus (FSC.DEL/80/14 OSCE+), Andorra, Liechtenstein, Malta, Georgia, Switzerland (Annex), Canada, Russian Federation, Romania

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in Ukraine: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/82/14), Poland, Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; 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, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/84/14), Germany,

Turkey, United States of America, Russian Federation, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Czech Republic, Switzerland

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matters of protocol: United Kingdom, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 14 May 2014, at 9.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Annex

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Mr. Chairperson,
Madam Minister,
Excellencies and colleagues,

The Swiss delegation joins those who warmly welcome the Republic of Moldova as Chair of the Forum for Security Co-operation. We thank in particular His Excellency Ambassador Andrey Popov and his team for the excellent preparation of the FSC trimester ahead of us. The suggested indicative programme is very relevant and promising. Switzerland as the holder of the OSCE Chairmanship stands ready to support and assist the Republic of Moldova unreservedly.

We also warmly welcome today Her Excellency Natalia Gherman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova. Her opening statement was encouraging and of inspiring clarity. Her words provide us with a clear direction for our work in the Forum for Security Co-operation in the coming months. We are very grateful for that.

We also take this opportunity to thank the Republic of Malta for the excellence of its execution of the FSC Chairmanship during difficult times. You make an excellent partner for the Swiss Chairmanship in dealing with the challenges within the OSCE area.

Furthermore, we also welcome Monaco as the future FSC Chair and are looking forward to our co-operation.

In spite of the current challenges, we encourage the new Moldovan Chair to orchestrate the relevant work within the FSC working groups with regard to the full range of OSCE commitments, bearing in mind our common goals and values.

Switzerland is looking forward to an open and constructive debate and assures all the participating States of our unconditional support.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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