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1. Date: Wednesday, 25 March 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m. Closed: 12 p.m.

2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ambassador G. Batjargal

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson expressed condolences to the families of the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in Tunisia and Afghanistan. The Chairperson also expressed condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the tragic crash of Germanwings flight 9525 in France. The Russian Federation, Greece, Belarus and Montenegro also offered condolences to the families of the victims of the Germanwings flight 9525 crash in France. Germany thanked the Chairperson and the participating States for this expression of sympathy.

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

Agenda item 1: LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM

FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION TO THE

CHAIRPERSON OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON THE DATES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW

CONFERENCE

Chairperson

The Forum for Security Co-operation agreed to forward the letter from the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on the dates of the 2015 Annual Security Review Conference (FSC.DEL/56/15/Rev.1 Restr.).

United States of America, Ukraine, Serbia

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex) (FSC.DEL/59/15), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/57/15), United States of America, Russian Federation, Canada

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Donors' visit to Belarus from 16 to 20 March 2015: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America), Belarus
- (b) *Matters of protocol*: Italy
- (c) Circulation of the "Food-for-thought paper to reinvigorate the dialogue on Vienna Document Chapter III risk reduction mechanism" (FSC.DEL/55/15): Greece, Austria
- (d) Visit to an air base and a military facility in Turkey from 27 to 30 April 2015: Cyprus, Turkey
- (e) Announcement of two international arms control training courses to be conducted by the Bundeswehr in Geilenkirchen, Germany, from 22 June to 3 July and from 21 September to 2 October 2015: Germany
- (f) Preparations for the 2015 Annual Security Review Conference: Chef de file of the FSC for the 2015 Annual Security Review Conference (Austria)

Agenda item 4: CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FSC, H.E. AMBASSADOR GUNAAJAV BATJARGAL

Chairperson (FSC.DEL/61/15 OSCE+), Montenegro

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 22 April 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with today's statement by the Russian delegation on the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (ARC), the delegation of Ukraine wishes to emphasize the following.

International law prohibits the acquisition of part or all of another State's territory through coercion or force. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which remains an integral part of Ukraine, was illegally occupied and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. Illegitimate actions on the part of the Russian Federation do not have any legal consequences with regard to the status of the ARC as an integral part of Ukraine. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders is safeguarded by international law and UN General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, "Territorial integrity of Ukraine".

The Russian Federation is now in breach of such fundamental principles of the Helsinki Final Act as sovereign equality and respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty, refraining from the threat or use of force, inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity of States, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-intervention in internal affairs, and fulfilment in good faith of obligations in international law.

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.