



**36th JOINT MEETING OF THE  
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION  
AND THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

1. Date: Wednesday, 29 October 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 11.50 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. M. Kangaste (FSC) (Finland)  
Mr. A. Turunen (PC) (Finland)

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, H.E. COSTAS PAPACOSTAS

Minister of Defence of Cyprus, Chairperson of the PC, United Kingdom  
(Annex 1), Turkey

Agenda item 2: HANDBOOK ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL  
FREEDOMS OF ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL

(a) *Presentation by the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and  
Human Rights*

(b) *Presentation by Professor Ian Leigh, Durham University*

Chairperson of the FSC, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and  
Human Rights, Mr. I. Leigh (FSC-PC.DEL/36/08), France-European Union  
(with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of  
Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and  
potential candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; the European  
Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway,  
members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia,  
Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (Annex 2), France, United Kingdom,  
Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America

Agenda item 3: FSC DECISION ON AN OSCE WORKSHOP ON A  
COMPREHENSIVE OSCE APPROACH TO ENHANCING  
CYBER SECURITY

Chairperson of the FSC

**Decision:** The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 10/08 (FSC.DEC/10/08), the text of which is appended to this journal, on an OSCE Workshop on a Comprehensive OSCE Approach to Enhancing Cyber Security.

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Situation in Georgia:* Russian Federation, Georgia
- (b) *Signing of the formal amendments to the Sub-Regional Arms Control Agreement, conducted in Pržno, Montenegro from 14 to 16 October 2008:* Montenegro (also on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia) (FSC-PC.DEL/37/08 OSCE+)
- (c) *Seminar on the history of the OSCE as well as lessons learned, to be held in Vienna on 29 October 2008:* Chairperson of the PC
- (d) *Organizational matters:* Chairperson of the PC

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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

Mr. Chairperson,

The United Kingdom delegation would like to thank the distinguished Minister of Defence of the Republic of Cyprus, H.E. Costas Papacostas, for coming to Vienna today and providing us with a most informative address.

The United Kingdom notes and fully supports the settlement process in Cyprus, and the efforts of the two leaders to achieve a comprehensive and just settlement plan.

We also note the significant efforts that have been undertaken by the Republic of Cyprus to destroy surplus stockpiles of small arms and light weapons, and conventional ammunition, and we are pleased to hear of its intention to destroy a further 324 MANPADS. The United Kingdom is able to announce today that it is willing to offer assistance to the OSCE to help the Republic of Cyprus with the implementation of this request. We will seek advice from the FSC Support Section and from the FSC Chairmanship's Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons on the most appropriate manner in which to take this issue forward, in consultation with the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Cyprus.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson, and I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE  
(ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION)**

The European Union (EU) welcomes with great satisfaction the “Handbook on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Armed Forces Personnel”, prepared by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in collaboration with the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF). The EU pays tribute to the long and exacting work accomplished by Professor Ian Leigh and by Dr. Hans Born of the DCAF.

The EU notes that the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security was the source for this Handbook, particularly as regards the provisions on the fundamental rights of armed forces personnel. The EU is therefore delighted to see the Code of Conduct strengthened and applied in practice through this Handbook.

The EU hopes that this Handbook will prompt all participating States to take the steps required to enable members of the armed forces to exercise their rights more effectively.

The candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia align themselves with this statement.

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\* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.



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**DECISION No. 10/08**  
**OSCE WORKSHOP ON A COMPREHENSIVE OSCE APPROACH TO  
ENHANCING CYBER SECURITY**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/04, on combating the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, which calls on the participating States to exchange information on the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes and to identify possible strategies to combat this threat;

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 7/06, on countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, which voices the participating States' concern over continued hacker attacks and calls on them to take appropriate measures to protect vital and critical information infrastructures and networks against the threat of cyber attacks,

Mindful of the significance of information exchange between the participating States on national approaches and practices with regard to cyber security, drawing on the provisions contained in the aforementioned Ministerial Council decisions related to information exchange and co-operation among participating States regarding countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, which may further contribute to enhanced transparency among participating States,

Recalling the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, in which the participating States recognized that security is indivisible and that the security of each of them is inseparably linked to the security of all the others,

Decides:

1. To organize an OSCE Workshop on a Comprehensive OSCE Approach to Enhancing Cyber Security, to be held on 17 and 18 March 2009, in Vienna, with the participation of relevant international organizations and in line with the outline description of the Workshop annexed to this decision;
2. To request the OSCE Secretariat to support the organization of this Workshop;
3. To invite the participating States to consider providing extrabudgetary contributions for the above-mentioned event.

## **OSCE WORKSHOP ON A COMPREHENSIVE OSCE APPROACH TO ENHANCING CYBER SECURITY**

Vienna, 17 and 18 March 2009

The OSCE Workshop on a Comprehensive OSCE Approach to Enhancing Cyber Security, in March 2009, will promote a comprehensive approach to enhancing cyber security in the OSCE region.

It will be conducted with a view to:

1. Increasing the awareness of the OSCE participating States regarding concrete steps that can be taken to strengthen cyber security;
2. Exchanging information on national practices with regard to cyber security between the OSCE participating States and relevant international actors/organizations;
3. Showcasing potential defensive measures, lessons learned and relevant best practices;
4. Focusing on a possible role for the OSCE in such a comprehensive approach to enhancing cyber security, and identifying concrete measures for possible follow-up action by all the relevant OSCE bodies.