

Chairmanship: Norway**802nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**1. Date: Wednesday, 4 November 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.20 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Kvile

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, Ukraine, Luxembourg-European Union and the United States of America expressed condolences to Romania in connection with the recent tragic event in Bucharest and to the Russian Federation in connection with the recent aeroplane crash. Romania also expressed condolences to the Russian Federation. The Russian Federation also expressed condolences to Romania as well as gratitude for the expression of sympathy.

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/205/15), Luxembourg-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/204/15), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 2), France (Annex 3)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE DATES AND VENUE OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION
ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 6/15 (FSC.DEC/6/15) on the dates and venue of the twenty-sixth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Recent developments and upcoming events in connection with the women, peace and security agenda:* FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Turkey), Chairperson
- (b) *Distribution of an invitation letter from the incoming FSC Chairmanship to attend the High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar, to be held on 16 and 17 February 2016 (FSC.INF/40/15 OSCE+):* Chairperson
- (c) *Matters of protocol:* Albania, Chairperson, United States of America

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 11 November 2015, at 10 a.m., in Neuer Saal



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Annex 1

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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.



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

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the reference to Crimea in the statements by a number of delegations today, the delegation of the Russian Federation feels obliged to make the following observations.

The proclamation of independence of the Republic of Crimea and its incorporation into the Russian Federation was a legal expression of the right of the people of Crimea to self-determination at a time when Ukraine, with outside support, was in the throes of a *coup d'état*, with radical nationalist elements exerting a forceful influence on the decisions adopted in the country, which in turn resulted in the interests of the Ukrainian regions and Russian-speaking population being ignored.

The multi-ethnic population of Crimea took the corresponding decisions by a huge majority in a free and fair expression of its will. The status of the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as constituent entities of the Russian Federation is not open to reconsideration or discussion. Crimea is and will remain Russian. This is a fact that our partners will have to come to terms with.

This position is based on and fully complies with international law.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE

Mr. Chairperson,

Following the meeting of the Forum last week, I should like to bring the following points to the Forum's attention:

France has maintained military co-operation with Ukraine for a long time. This co-operation is based on the intergovernmental agreement of 15 February 1996 and the protocol on the development of strategic dialogue of 26 January 2006.

Since the start of the crisis, France has been particularly committed to the search for a political solution. We assumed our responsibilities to try to put a stop to the fighting and initiate a comprehensive settlement process within the framework of the Normandy format.

In this regard, we have always believed that the delivery of lethal equipment was excluded because it could lead to a potential escalation. This is consistent with all our international commitments.

Mr. Chairperson,

For your information, an export licence has been granted for (non-lethal) tactical radio communications systems. This authorization is in accordance with all our international commitments. However, no licence has been granted at this stage for Airbus helicopters.

Mr. Chairperson, I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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**DECISION No. 6/15
DATES AND VENUE OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Decides that the twenty-sixth Annual Implementation Meeting (AIAM) will be held on 1 and 2 March 2016 in Vienna.