

Chairmanship: Ukraine

948th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 3 June 2020 (via video teleconference)

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador Y. Tsymbaliuk

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson reminded the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) of the technical modalities for the conduct of FSC meetings via video teleconferencing technology during the COVID-19 pandemic (FSC.GAL/37/20 OSCE+).

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *On the subject of Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (FSC.DEL/121/20) (FSC.DEL/121/20/Add.1), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/116/20), United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/112/20 OSCE+), Canada, United States of America

(b) *On the intention of the FSC Chairmanship to introduce changes to the journals of FSC plenary meetings:* Russian Federation, Chairperson

(c) *On the subject of the situation in and around Ukraine:* Russian Federation, Ukraine, Canada

Point of order: United States of America

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Extrabudgetary contributions by the United States of America to the project “Incorporation of Cyber-related Activities on the OSCE Communications Network”*: United States of America (Annex 1)
- (b) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA) held on 28 May 2020 via video conferencing technology*: Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on SALW and SCA (Latvia) (Annex 2)
- (c) *Ninth Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, to be held on 10 June 2020 via video conferencing technology (FSC.GAL/59/20 OSCE+)*: FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Romania)
- (d) *Food-for-thought paper on contributions by the FSC to the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference, to be held in Vienna from 23 to 25 June 2020 (FSC.DEL/114/20 Restr.)*: FSC Co-ordinator for the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference (Greece)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 17 June 2020, at 10 a.m., via video teleconference



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The United States would like to inform the Forum for Security Co-operation that it has directed a contribution of 25,200 euros to extrabudgetary project number 1102140, “Incorporation of Cyber-related Activities on the OSCE Communications Network.”

This contribution will fully fund the software necessary to implement FSC Decision No. 5/17, in line with Permanent Council Decisions No. 1106 and No. 1202. It will expand the OSCE Communications Network to facilitate the secure exchange of unclassified information regarding cyber incidents, adding another tool to the toolbox of cyber experts and policy-makers in our capitals. It is our sincere hope that this expansion will deepen trust and co-operation within our community, and will ultimately reduce the risk of miscalculations or conflicts in cyberspace.

This extrabudgetary project also includes a separate line item for the Conflict Prevention Centre to acquire hardware allowing participating States an additional Communications Network terminal, if necessary. We will encourage other donors and work within the Informal Working Group established by Permanent Council Decision No. 1039, under the able leadership of Hungary’s Ambassador Karoly Dan, to ensure that the hardware portion of this project is adequately funded so that all participating States wishing to avail themselves of this system may do so.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE INFORMAL GROUP OF FRIENDS ON
SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION (LATVIA)**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.
Dear colleagues,

In my capacity as Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA), I should like to take this opportunity to inform you about the Group's most recent meeting, which took place on 28 May 2020 via video conferencing technology.

Attended by 65 participants from 33 OSCE participating States and from the FSC Support Section, the meeting provided a platform for national delegations and subject-matter experts from the capitals to discuss the information exchanges on SALW and on conventional arms transfers – specifically, to identify the challenges involved and find ways of optimizing the work performed.

The information exchanges are an important element of participating States' commitments; moreover, they constitute an essential confidence- and security-building measure. Over the years, the mandate of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) has grown in terms of both the number and types of national submissions. SALW-related information exchanges in particular are provided for by several FSC documents and decisions. Staying on top of reporting commitments is challenging not only for the participating States but also for the FSC Support Section, which collects the relevant data, publishes monthly, quarterly and annual reports, and archives the national submissions.

The aforementioned virtual meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on SALW and SCA was well attended, and the participating States expressed their interest in reharmonizing the OSCE's SALW questionnaire with the corresponding template used by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. If so requested by the participating States, I stand ready to convene a further Informal Group of Friends meeting on this subject in the near future.

A perception paper reflecting the discussions held at the Group's recent meeting and proposing the next steps will be drafted. Together with the presentation given by the FSC Support Section, this perception paper will in due course be distributed to the participating States.

I should like to thank all the participants and all the distinguished delegations of OSCE participating States that supported this meeting and contributed to its success.

I also wish to extend my gratitude to the FSC Support Section for providing invaluable subject-matter expertise and technical support.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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