

Chairmanship: Luxembourg

729th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 2 October 2013

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 11.40 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador H. Wurth

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentations on conventional ammunition stockpile management:

- *“Capacity Development Programme for SCA Management in Serbia” by Brigadier General B. Zrnic, Head of the Department for Defence Technology, Sector for Material Resources, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia*
- *“Role of the UNDP in the Capacity Development Programme for SCA Management in Serbia” presented by Mr. I. Zveržhanovski, SEESAC Coordinator and Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the CASM Programme*

Chairperson, Brigadier General B. Zrnic (FSC.DEL/155/13 OSCE+), Mr. I. Zveržhanovski, Lithuania-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 Armenia and Moldova, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/157/13), Montenegro (Annex 1), Switzerland, United Kingdom, Denmark, Turkey, Canada

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Financial contributions to the small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition projects in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina:* Denmark (Annex 2), Turkey (Annex 3), Bosnia and Herzegovina, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America), United States of America, Serbia
- (b) *United Nations Security Council resolution 2117 on small arms and light weapons, adopted on 26 September 2013:* Australia (Partner for Co-operation), United Kingdom, Germany, United States of America, Russian Federation, Finland, Japan (Partner for Co-operation) (Annex 4), Luxembourg

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Regional workshop on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540, to be held in Kyiv on 5 and 6 November 2013 (CIO.GAL/135/13 OSCE+):* Ukraine
- (b) *Meeting of the OSCE MenEngage Network, to be held on 7 October 2013 (SEC.INF/49/13/Rev.1):* United Kingdom
- (c) *Briefing by the Chairperson of the Communications Group on its 61st meeting, held on 25 September 2013 (FSC.GAL/101/13 Restr.):* Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) *Organizational matters:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 9 October 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MONTENEGRO

Mr. Chairperson,

Although Montenegro is in full agreement with the EU statement I would like to take this opportunity to make some additional comments in my national capacity.

I would like to thank Brigadier General Zrnica for his very comprehensive presentation on the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia. Montenegro welcomes the positive results of this project so far, which represent the continued contribution of the Republic of Serbia to enhancing regional security.

Other South-East European countries have demonstrated their commitment to strengthening security and stability in the region through similar demilitarization projects.

Montenegro is making a full contribution to this process with the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme (MONDEM), through which we have gained significant experience, notably in the areas of project management and public awareness.

I would like to reiterate our readiness to share the knowledge and lessons learned with all our partners and thus to actively contribute to the OSCE programmes of a similar nature. I am confident that our experiences in managing the MONDEM project and in upgrading standards for stockpile management and procedures and techniques for demilitarization of armaments and ammunition would be useful in the implementation of similar projects.

Mr. Chairperson,

Recognizing the importance of management for the success of these important projects, allow me to propose considering the possibility of organizing periodic project management meetings in order to exchange experiences and best practices. This would also provide opportunities to discuss possibilities for further co-operation aimed at the more efficient and cost-effective implementation of these projects.

As well as thanking Brigadier General Zrnica once again, I would also like to use this opportunity to underline the importance of further support to the MONDEM programme as it enters its final stage and to other similar projects in the region. Continued support will enable

us to complete these projects successfully and bring this important chapter in the enhancing of the overall safety and stability in the region to a satisfactory conclusion.

I kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF DENMARK

Mr. Chairperson,

I am happy to announce that Denmark has decided to donate a further 30,000 euros to the Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management for the Republic of Serbia, which relates to assistance to the Government of Serbia in the demilitarization of white-phosphorus-filled ammunition and napalm powder.

While I have the floor, let me announce that Denmark has also decided to donate 30,000 euros to the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina's extrabudgetary project No. 2200268 entitled Security Infrastructure Upgrade of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites, which relates to assistance to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina in security upgrade activities at the ammunition storage sites "Krupa" (near Pazaric) and "Kula 1" (near Mrkonjic Grad) and the weapons storage sites "Teufik Buza" (Visioko) and "Rabic" (near Derventa).

I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF TURKEY

Mr. Chairperson,

With reference to the request of assistance by Bosnia and Herzegovina and the subsequent informal meeting regarding the challenges on SALW, SCA and surplus in Bosnia and Herzegovina held on 16 July 2013 with the participation of the Assistant Minister of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, I am pleased to announce that Turkey has decided to donate 40,000 euros to the OSCE project “Upgrade of SALW and SCA storage facilities” in this country.

The donation is intended to provide assistance to the upgrade of the security infrastructure at the Bosnia and Herzegovina ammunition and weapons storage sites, thus reducing the risk of weapons and ammunition proliferation and improving national physical security and stockpile management standards.

I kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF JAPAN
(PARTNER FOR CO-OPERATION)**

Mr. Chairperson,

As a co-sponsor country of United Nations Security Council resolution 2117 on small arms and light weapons and together with our friends and partners, Japan would first like to point out the importance of the resolution in the field to which it is dedicated.

The question of illicit small arms and light weapons is a multi-disciplinary issue. The widespread use of such arms and weapons not only results in a large number of casualties but also has a socio-economic dimension in that it gives rise to other issues such as the deployment of child soldiers and the disruption of recovery and development in post-conflict situations. In other words, this is an important field of activity that highlights the close link between peace and development.

Secondly, as a country that has contributed continuously to the international community's rule-making process on small arms and light weapons since the 1990s, Japan sincerely appreciates the tremendous efforts by our partner in the Pacific Region, Australia, and hopes that this resolution will accelerate FSC work related to small arms and light weapons.

Finally, I would also like to refer to the Arms Trade Treaty. It is vital that the Treaty comes into force as soon as possible and is effectively implemented with the participation of major arms trade countries. Only then will the international community have an effective means of addressing the unregulated and illicit conventional arms trade, which causes unspeakable human suffering throughout the world.

Japan, as a co-author of the UN General Assembly resolution on the Treaty, will continue to work hard to achieve the Treaty's early entry into force and effective implementation, and in this context greatly welcomes the recent signing of the Treaty by the United States, which it sees as a significant step forward.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

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