

Chairmanship of Bosnia and Herzegovina

479th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 29 March 2006

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Closed: 1.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. M. Malbašić

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE
 - (a) *Presentation on Overcoming the Consequences of the Technological Disaster in Novobohgdanivka — Ukraine and the Melange Project by Mr. J. Schumaker, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine: OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Ukraine, Co-ordinator for Conventional Ammunition Projects (Slovenia), Poland, Belgium, Chairperson*

 - (b) *Presentations on the Strategy, Action and the Activities of the European Union with Regard to Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Explosive Remnants of War:*
 - (i) *The European Union (EU) Strategy to Combat Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of SALW and their Ammunition by Mrs. D. Auer, Head of the Department for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Austria and by Mr. A. Strub, Council of the European Union and Co-ordinator, Office of the Personal Representative to High Representative Javier Solana for Non-Proliferation;*

- (ii) *European Community Action in Support of the EU Strategy on Small Arms and Light Weapons by Ms. D. Diccorrado-Andreoni, Head of Sector for Conventional Disarmament and Human Security, Directorate-General for External Relations, European Commission: Chairperson, Ms. D. Auer (FSC.DEL/67/06 OSCE+), Mr. A. Strub, Ms. D. Diccorrado-Andreoni (FSC.DEL/66/06 OSCE+), France, Belarus, Russian Federation*
- (iii) *European Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Explosive Remnants of War by Ms. P. Lewis, Director, and Ms. A. Spence, Project Manager, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;*
- (iv) *European Union SPP Activities in South Eastern Europe by Mr. A. Wilkinson, Team Leader, South Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons: Chairperson, Ms. P. Lewis, Ms. A. Spence (FSC.DEL/65/06 OSCE+), Mr. A. Wilkinson, Finland, Austria-European Union (European Commission)*

Agenda item 3: **DECISION ON THE FSC CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2006 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 2/06 (FSC.DEC/2/06), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the FSC contribution to the 2006 Annual Security Review Conference.

Agenda item 4: **DECISION ON ANNEX C TO THE BEST PRACTICE GUIDE ON NATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY OF THE OSCE HANDBOOK OF BEST PRACTICES ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS**

Chairperson, United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Belgium, United States of America, Belarus

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation, subject to a silence procedure expiring on Friday, 31 March 2006, at 5 p.m., adopted the decision on Annex C to the Best Practice Guide on National Procedures for Stockpile Management and Security of the OSCE Handbook of Best Practices on Small Arms and Light Weapons, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: **STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION WITH REGARD TO THE NEXT STEPS ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY**

Chairperson

The Forum for Security Co-operation agreed on the statement by the Chairperson of the FSC with regard to the next steps on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Annex).

Agenda item 6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Amendments to the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control, Article IV of Annex 1-B of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina: United States of America (FSC.DEL/69/06 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Organizational matters related to a meeting of the FSC on 24 May 2006, during the second part of the Fourteenth Economic Forum, to be held in Prague from 22 to 24 May 2006: Bulgaria, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 5 April 2006 at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

**Next Steps on the Code of Conduct on
Politico-Military Aspects of Security**

Recalling the importance of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (the Code of Conduct),

Taking into account the provision of paragraph 38 of the Code of Conduct that appropriate bodies, mechanisms and procedures will be used to assess, review and improve, if necessary, the implementation of the Code of Conduct,

Bearing in mind the food-for-thought papers submitted by participating States with regard to the implementation of the Code of Conduct and a follow-up event, and,

Following the exchange of views at the meetings of FSC Working Group A and the discussion at the Sixteenth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting:

The perception of the FSC Chairperson on the next steps with regard to the Code of Conduct is:

- The Special Meeting of the FSC should take place on 27 September 2006, in Vienna;
- The main goals of the meeting are to review the implementation of the Code of Conduct and to consider ways of helping participating States to improve its implementation. A possibility of organizing a follow-up or a review conference on the Code of Conduct may be also considered;
- The participating States are encouraged to ensure the expert participation from their respective capitals;
- The OSCE institutions and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to attend this meeting;
- A co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct will be appointed by the FSC Chairperson with the task of assisting the FSC Chairperson on matters related to the Code of Conduct.