

Chairmanship: Malta

743rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 29 January 2014

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Azzopardi

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on the Code of Conduct: The Democratic Control and Parliamentary Oversight of Armed and Security Forces, by Mr. C. Fearne, Chairperson of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee, House of Representatives of Malta, and Mr. S. C. Calleja, Director of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta: Chairperson, Mr. C. Fearne (FSC.DEL/4/14/Rev.1 OSCE+), Mr. S. C. Calleja (FSC.NGO/1/14 OSCE+), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/7/14), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Germany, Armenia, FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Germany), United Kingdom, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Financial contribution to the project on upgrading SALW and SCA storage facilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Norway (Annex 1), Chairperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Annex 2), FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presentation of a paper on fostering military transparency by revitalizing and modernizing conventional arms control and CSBM regimes in the context of the Helsinki+40 process: Germany, Chairperson, Russian Federation, Azerbaijan*
- (b) *Financial pledge to the Security Day event entitled “The way forward in the politico-military dimension – the role and relevance of the OSCE instruments of co-operative security”, to be held on 14 March 2014: Switzerland (Annex 3)*
- (c) *Twenty-fourth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, to be held on 4 and 5 March 2014: Chairperson*
- (d) *Briefing on the sixty-second meeting of the OSCE Communications Group, held on 11 December 2013 (FSC.GAL/147/13/Rev.1): Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Chairperson*
- (e) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons, to be held on 4 February 2014: Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Spain)*
- (f) *Matters of protocol: Greece-European Union, Canada*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 5 February 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY

Mr. Chairperson,

Norway would like to start off the new year with a positive statement.

With reference to the request for assistance made by Bosnia and Herzegovina at the FSC meeting on 30 October 2013 (732nd meeting), to upgrade storage facilities for small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition, I am happy to announce that Norway has decided to donate 140,000 euros to this OSCE project.

This donation is related to the extrabudgetary project (No. 2200268) of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, also called the SECUP project. The objective of the project is to give assistance to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina in securing and upgrading four ammunition and weapons storage sites.

The purpose of the donation is to bridge the remaining financial gap, which will secure complete funding, in line with the project's budget. Our hope is that this project will reduce the risk of proliferation of weapons and ammunition and improve the national physical security and management of stockpiles in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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 BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Mr. Chairperson,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina would like to take this opportunity to thank Norway for its significant pledge for the project for a security upgrade of ammunition and weapons storage sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This ongoing project has the objective of upgrading the security infrastructure at the Bosnia and Herzegovina ammunition and weapons storage sites; with this Norwegian donation, all the funds required for upgrading the infrastructure of four planned storage sites in my country will be secured.

Mr. Chairperson,

In addition to the Norwegian donor to this project, we wish to thank the other donating States: Switzerland, Turkey, Denmark, the Czech Republic and Liechtenstein.

We also wish to thank the former Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation, the Conflict Prevention Centre and the FSC Chairmanship's Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, which helped to make this project feasible.

Mr. Chairperson,

In closing, the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina welcomes Malta's Chairmanship of this Forum and wishes it every success.

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Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Dear Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Dear colleagues,

Switzerland considers the OSCE to be an important platform for the exchange of ideas and discussion on conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures. The Security Day, scheduled to take place on 14 March 2014, on “The way forward in the politico-military dimension – the role and relevance of OSCE instruments of co-operative security” offers in a timely manner exactly this informal platform to the OSCE participating States and representatives of academia and think tanks.

Today, I have the privilege to announce that Switzerland is pledging 8,157.36 euros to the said Security Day to close the existing budget gap. Switzerland is looking forward to an open and fruitful discussion on 14 March.

Thank you very much for your attention.

I kindly request that this statement be annexed to the journal of the day.