



Chairmanship: Latvia

683rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 30 May 2012

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 10.45 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador G. Apals

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Information exchange on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security*: Moldova (Annex 1), Russian Federation

(b) *Annual exchange of military information*: Azerbaijan (Annex 2), Armenia

(c) *Information on export of shooting equipment after use at the Summer Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games to be held in London from 14 July to 12 September 2012*: United Kingdom (Annex 3)

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

None

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE VIENNA DOCUMENT 2011
NOTIFICATION FORMATS

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 2/12 (FSC.DEC/2/12) on the Vienna Document 2011 notification formats, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matters of protocol: Ireland, Finland, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 6 June 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA

Mr. Chairperson,

We would like to bring to the attention of the participating States the information presented by the Russian Federation on 27 April 2012 in response to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

In the Russian entry on point 2.1 of the Questionnaire related to the deployment of military forces on the territory of other participating States in accordance with freely negotiated agreements as well as in accordance with international law, there is a reference to the agreement of 21 July 1992 on the principles of the peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.

Although we have on numerous occasions during previews of OSCE and FSC events given the participating States information on the Moldovan position regarding this particular matter, most recently at the 2012 Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, we would like to reiterate our point of clarification. The primary goal of the above-mentioned agreement was to halt the military hostilities in the conflict area and to establish the security zone. The 1992 agreement does not reflect in any manner on the status or the conditions of stationing of the Russian forces, nor, in particular, on the stockpiles of ammunition in Cobasna or the so-called Operative Group of Russian Forces deployed outside of the security zone. In this connection, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, to the relevant international commitments and to principles of international law, particularly the requirement of host-nation consent for the stationing of foreign forces, we reiterate our call for the timely completion of the withdrawal of the Russian military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

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



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN AT THE 683RD MEETING OF
THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

Vienna, 30 May, 2012

**On military parade of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia held
in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan on May 9, 2012**

Mr. Chairman,
Dear colleagues,

Referring to the Statement delivered by Azerbaijani Delegation at the 912th Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council, and to the Verbal Note distributed under ref. no. SEC.DEL/154/12 on 18 May, 2012, I would like to draw attention of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) to the illegal activities of Armenia in the internationally recognized territories of Azerbaijan and to the Armenia's unconcealed efforts to consolidate the results of continuing occupation of and use of force against the territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Contrary to official statements of Yerevan that the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia have not been stationed in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, the military parade held in Khankandi (Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan) on May 9, 2012, once again attest the fact of continuing direct military occupation by Armenia.

New weaponry enumerated in the abovementioned Verbal Note which were demonstrated at the parade are another piece of evidence testifying to Armenia's illegal military presence on the territory of Azerbaijan.

The irrefutable facts clarified in the Verbal Note once again prove that Armenia can easily move accounted and registered military equipment from its territory to the occupied Azerbaijani lands, without any disclosure that has to be made within the UN transparency measures in armaments, relevant OSCE Information Exchanges, as well as in accordance with the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe.

The weaponry demonstrated during parade in Khankendi indicate that Armenia is in breach of its commitments as the end-user under arms import operations, specifically by exporting or transferring procured armament without agreement of the exporting States, and concealing these operations from the OSCE participating States.

These are clear violations of Armenian respective commitments under the arms control regimes, such as the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, Vienna Document, OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, and Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers.

Furthermore, almost identical scenario and modalities of the military parades held in Yerevan last year and in Khankandi this year affirms the facts that both of them were planned, equipped, trained, organized and orchestrated from the same military chain of command in Armenia.

Mr. Chairman,
Dear colleagues,

None of the facts provided in the Verbal Note SEC.DEL/154/12 dated 18 May, 2012, distributed by the Delegation of Azerbaijan, with regards to the military parade held in Khankendi, have not been substantively refuted or clarified by Armenia.

Therefore, our Delegation would like to request through the FSC Chairmanship, the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre to distribute spot report that finds Armenia in clear violation of respective arms control and CSBM regimes, such as the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, Vienna Document, OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, and Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers to which it is a party.

We would like to bring to the attention of the FSC that Armenia is in breach of its commitments as the end-user under arms import operations, specifically by exporting or transferring procured armament without agreement of the exporting States and consent of Host Nation, as well as trying to conceal this information from the OSCE participating States. Specifically we would like to enquire those States mentioned in our Note Verbale SEC.DEL/154/12, on what measures would be taken by them in response to these violations by Armenia in particular for exporting and transferring procured weaponries to the occupied territories of Azerbaijan without the agreement of the exporting states and concealing this illegal activities from the OSCE participating States, to what extent credibility of Armenia as a party to arms import operation is affected?

We are also expecting that Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk, the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference will respond and react to the facts raised by Azerbaijan in the Verbal Note.

Azerbaijan reserves the right to come back to this issue at next sessions of the FSC.

We request to attach this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you very much.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. Chairperson,

Participating states will recall the statements the United Kingdom made at the 656th FSC on 23 September 2011, and more recently at the 679th meeting on 28 March 2012, about the UK's preparation for the London Olympic Games this summer. Participating States will appreciate that the preparation for such a major international event requires meticulous attention to detail, particularly with respect to international obligations: It is in connection with these obligations that I wish to inform participating States about the UK's intentions with respect to arms embargoes.

It will be of particular interest to the delegations represented here in the FSC to know how the United Kingdom intends to deal with the re-export of shooting equipment to be used during the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics, particularly in order to remain in full compliance with OSCE arms embargoes that that United Kingdom fully upholds and fully supports.

The United Kingdom intends to issue Open General Export Licences for the shooting equipment that competitors will bring to the Games. The licences will be issued to all participating States that qualify for these shooting events, including those participating States subject to arms embargoes. The Licences will permit competitors to export the same equipment that was imported for the purpose of the Games, and will mean the necessary controls are in place to ensure that only sporting equipment used during the Games is exported back to those participating States subject to an arms embargo.

Mr. Chairperson, I should be grateful if you would attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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**DECISION No. 2/12
VIENNA DOCUMENT 2011 NOTIFICATION FORMATS**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Decides to adopt the Notification Formats for the Vienna Document 2011 as contained in FSC.GAL/52/12/Rev.1.