

Chairmanship: Lithuania

715th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 24 April 2013

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador G. Čekuolis

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentations on the OSCE small arms commitments in the broader multilateral framework by Dr. G. McDonald, Senior Researcher and Yearbook Co-ordinator, Small Arms Survey, and on implementing the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and the role of regional organizations by Mr. E. Berman, Managing Director, Small Arms Survey: Chairperson, Dr. G. McDonald (FSC.DEL/60/13 OSCE+), Mr. E. Berman (FSC.DEL/59/13 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; 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 and Moldova, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/61/13), Turkey, United States of America, Belarus, Russian Federation, Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (United Kingdom), Greece (Annex 1)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Refusal of a request for a visa to conduct an inspection in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Document 2011: Germany (FSC.DEL/65/13 OSCE+), Tajikistan, Spain (FSC.DEL/66/13 OSCE+), Sweden*

(b) *Briefing on the ODIHR meeting entitled Armed Forces and Women's Access to Combat Positions, held in Vienna on 19 April 2013: FSC Co-ordinator on Matters Relating to UNSCR 1325 (Turkey) (FSC.DEL/62/13 OSCE+)*

- (c) *Financial contribution to the project on the destruction of cluster ammunition in Georgia: Germany (Annex 2), Georgia (Annex 3)*
- (d) *Request for assistance in the disposal and destruction of mélange in Belarus: Belarus (FSC.DEL/64/13 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matters of protocol: Serbia, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 8 May 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GREECE

Mr. Chairperson,

Greece thanks you, Mr. Ambassador, for organizing today's security dialogue on small arms and light weapons. We greatly appreciate this undertaking, as it relates to an issue of great importance for security and stability in the OSCE area. We also welcome both guest speakers and thank them for their comprehensive presentations; in this respect we fully subscribe to the statement made by Ireland on behalf of the EU.

We wish, however, to comment on certain elements in today's written presentations, which were distributed to participating States for their consideration. We noticed that, within the aforementioned presentations and in particular in the handbook distributed by the Small Arms Survey entitled *Regional Organizations and the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms (PoA)*, references were made to an OSCE participating State being in contradiction with UN and OSCE decisions and practice concerning its name.

We recall in this regard that the State in question was admitted to the OSCE through the adoption of Permanent Council Decision No. 81 (PC.DEC/81) of 12 October 1995, which runs as follows: "This State will be provisionally referred to for all purposes within the OSCE as 'the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia' pending settlement of the difference which has arisen over the name of that State."

We kindly ask you, Mr. Chairperson, to append this statement to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY

Mr. Chairperson,

Cluster munitions remain an insidious danger for people in many countries. Because of the high incidence of unexploded cluster munitions the civilian population often continues to suffer years after the end of military conflicts. Many of the victims are children. Germany therefore strongly advocates humanitarian mine clearance and explosive ordnance disposal on an international level and supports the Convention on Cluster Munitions, which entered into force in 2010.

As you probably recall, Georgia has requested assistance in the destruction of cluster munitions. The project is being carried out by the OSCE together with the United Nations Development Programme. The aim is to reduce the danger presented by military force in Georgia.

It gives me pleasure to inform you today that the Federal Republic of Germany is now supporting this destruction project with a contribution of 94,300 euros. The German support will make it possible to conclude the programme commenced in Georgia in 2011 to destroy 1,085 cluster bombs and 60 guided missiles from former Soviet stocks.

I thank you for your attention and request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GEORGIA

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairperson,

Firstly I would like to recall that my country has now co-operated successfully with the OSCE in the field of demilitarization for several years. During this period of time we have managed to carry out a number of very important projects, which have undoubtedly contributed significantly to security in Georgia.

On behalf of my delegation I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Federal Republic of Germany for its valuable contribution to the cluster bomb demilitarization project. It is our firm hope and belief that the OSCE participating States may and will, in the same spirit, continue to engage in co-operation of this kind in the future.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson, and kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.