



Chairmanship: Estonia

551st PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 25 June 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 11.05 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. T. Parts

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Condolences to Spain and Germany on the death of four EUFOR members in a helicopter crash in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 19 June 2008*: Bosnia and Herzegovina (FSC.DEL/116/08 OSCE+), Chairperson, Spain, Germany, Sweden

(b) *Financial contribution to the melange project in Ukraine*: Sweden, Ukraine

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on “Private Military Companies or Private Security Companies” by Brigadier General Walter Feichtinger, Head of the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management of the Austrian National Defence Academy: Chairperson, Brigadier General W. Feichtinger, Switzerland, United States of America, Spain, Germany

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON BEST PRACTICE GUIDES ON STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 7/08 (FSC.DEC/7/08), the text of which is appended to this journal, on best practice guides on stockpiles of conventional ammunition.

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol: Italy, Chairperson, Sweden, Belgium*
- (b) *Distribution of a letter from the Chairperson of the FSC to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council (FSC.DEL/115/08 Restr.): Chairperson, Georgia*
- (c) *Invitation to the OSCE Partners for Co-operation to a side event at the 2008 Annual Security Review Conference, to be held on 1 July 2008 (FSC.DEL/117/08 OSCE+): Chairperson*
- (d) *Financial contribution to the small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition programme in Tajikistan: Austria*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 9 July 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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**DECISION No. 7/08
BEST PRACTICE GUIDES ON STOCKPILES OF
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03), in which participating States agreed to consider developing a “best practice” guide of techniques and procedures for the destruction of conventional ammunition, explosive material and detonating devices, and the management and control of stockpiles,

Noting that this guide would cover, *inter alia*, standards and procedures for the proper management and control of stockpiles of conventional ammunition,

Recalling the work of the Group of Governmental Experts established by UN General Assembly resolution 61/72 of 6 December 2006 to consider further steps to enhance co-operation with regard to the issue of conventional ammunition and considering the possible contribution the Handbook can make to its work,

Recognizing the work done by participating States to complete this task,

Decides:

- To welcome the development of the Best Practice Guide on Physical Security on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, FSC.DEL/56/08/Rev.2, which covers, *inter alia*, general recommendations and practical advice for ensuring physical security and exercising duty of care of stockpiles of conventional ammunition, and endorse it for publication;
- To welcome the development of the Best Practice Guide on Destruction of Conventional Ammunition, FSC.DEL/59/08/Rev.1, which covers, *inter alia*, general recommendations and practical advice for destruction of surplus or outdated conventional ammunition, and endorse it for publication.