



Chairmanship: Italy

645th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 18 May 2011

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 10.40 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador G. Varvesi

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *The Russian Federation's approach to the updating of the Vienna Document*: Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/98/11 OSCE+), Chairperson, United States of America, Netherlands, United Kingdom

(b) *Appointment of Mr. L. Szatmári (Hungary) as FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition*: Chairperson, United Kingdom, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary), Belarus, France, Sweden

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) *Reminder letters from the Chairperson with regard to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security*: Chairperson

(b) *Vienna Document 1999 Formation/Unit Commanders Course, held from 3 to 8 April 2011*: Hungary (Annex)

- (c) *Inauguration event following the conclusion of the project to enhance stockpile management and security at the Taras storage site, Montenegro, to be held on 20 May 2011: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary)*
- (d) *Informal briefing on the small arms and light weapons project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to be delivered on 23 May 2011: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Hungary)*
- (e) *Results of the Vienna City Marathon charity event: Canada*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 1 June 2011, at 12 noon, in the Neuer Saal

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF HUNGARY

Mr. Chairperson,

Hungary gives continuous support to the work of the Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Centre (RACVIAC) – Centre for Security Cooperation. We not only second a Staff Officer to the Centre and provide the observation platform for the practical part of the Open Skies courses free of charge, but also facilitate the holding of theoretical and practical courses through the provision of infrastructure and experienced lecturers.

From 3 to 8 April this year, in accordance with the RACVIAC 2011 programme, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Hungary for the third time hosted the Vienna Document 1999 Formation/Unit Commanders Course.

The course was co-organized by RACVIAC and Hungarian experts and was held on territory of the Republic of Hungary. It consisted of two parts. The theoretical part was held at the Hungarian HDF Central Training Base (CTB) in Szentendre, and the practical part at the airbase in Kecskemét. It was organized in the spirit and the letter of the VD 99, focusing on the duties and responsibilities of Formation/Unit Commanders engaged in the implementation of the Document.

The course had a total of 22 participants from nine countries, namely, Albania (2), Bosnia and Herzegovina (2), Croatia (2), Greece (1), Hungary (8), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ (2), Montenegro (2), Serbia (1) and Slovenia (2).

The guest lecturers were representatives of the national arms control agencies and verification centres of Austria, Germany, Hungary and Serbia, and of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre. The Hungarian authorities contributed to the success of the course with lecturers representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence and the Mission of Hungary to the OSCE.

1 Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.

During the practical part of the course, the participants carried out a training evaluation visit together with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) of the United States of America.

The course proved a success and will clearly be valuable for the participants' future work. Hungary is considering continuing to support the undertaking in the future, as one of its contributions to confidence- and security-building measures in South-Eastern Europe.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.