

Chairmanship: France

568th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 21 January 2009

Opened: 11 a.m.

Closed: 12.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. E. Lebédel

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

Agenda item 1: OPENING STATEMENT BY THE FRENCH
CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE FSC: PRESENTATION BY THE
DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGIC AFFAIRS OF THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF FRANCE,
MR. MICHEL MIRAILLET, ON THE FRENCH DEFENCE
POLICY REGARDING THE *LIVRE BLANC SUR LA
DEFENSE ET LA SECURITE NATIONALE*

Chairperson, Mr. M. Miraillet (FSC.DEL/1/09 OSCE+),
Czech Republic-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the
Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free
Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European
Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine, in alignment)
(FSC.DEL/3/09), Greece, Switzerland (FSC.DEL/4/09 OSCE+), Finland,
Russian Federation, Georgia, United States of America

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Annual exchange of military information under the Vienna Document 1999*:
Ukraine (Annex 1), Russian Federation, United States of America

(b) *Application of the Vienna Document 1999 to Gibraltar*: Spain (Annex 2),
United Kingdom (Annex 3)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Update on small arms and light weapons projects*: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons (United Kingdom) (FSC.DEL/2/09 OSCE+), Belarus
- (b) *Stockpiles of conventional ammunition projects*: Denmark, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (Denmark), Ukraine, Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Seminar on conventional arms control, to be held in Zagreb on 25 and 26 March 2009*: Germany
- (d) *Organizational matters*: France
- (e) *Publication of the overview of disposal liquid rocket fuel in the OSCE area*: Conflict Prevention Centre
- (f) *Annual CPC survey on CSBM information exchanged in 2008* (FSC.GAL/2/09 Restr.): Conflict Prevention Centre
- (g) *CPC implementation calendar* (FSC.GAL/1/09 Restr.): Conflict Prevention Centre
- (h) *Vacancy announcement in the FSC Support Section*: Conflict Prevention Centre

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 28 January 2009, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to refer to the information distributed recently in the framework of the Annual Exchange of Military Information under the Vienna Document 1999.

The Ukrainian experts have carefully analysed the data provided by the Russian Federation in the automated data exchange workshop organized in December 2008.

It is with concern that we found out that the number of conventional arms belonging to the Russia's Black Sea Fleet temporarily stationed on the territory of Ukraine exceeds the parameters established under Article 7 of the bilateral Ukrainian-Russian Agreement on the Parameters of Division of the Black Sea Fleet of 28 May 1997 (this Agreement is one of the three Basic Agreements pertaining to the temporary stationing and activity of the Russian fleet on our territory).

In particular: the actual number of armoured combat vehicles (ACVs) exceeds the established number by 18, the actual number of artillery of 100 mm calibre and larger exceeds the established number by 6, and the actual number of combat aircraft exceeds the established number by 2.

On 29 December 2008, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine sent a Note Verbal to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation requesting explanations with regard to these discrepancies.

In the Note Verbal, the Ukrainian side also drew the attention of the Russian Federation to the necessity to comply in full with the obligations pursuant to the aforementioned bilateral Agreement. In case of factual excess of the limits for heavy weapons and military equipment established under the Agreement, the Russian Federation was requested to adjust, without delay, their numbers in accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement and to provide rectified information within the exchange data under the Vienna Document 1999.

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

I thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

Mr. Chairperson,

This declaration refers to Gibraltar within the framework of the Vienna Document 1999.

The delegation of Spain wishes to note that:

The application of the present Vienna Document 1999 to Gibraltar is understood as being without prejudice to the legal position of the Kingdom of Spain with respect to the controversy with the United Kingdom regarding the sovereignty of the Isthmus.

I should be grateful, Mr. Chairperson, if this statement could be attached to the journal of this meeting.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. Chairperson,

The United Kingdom notes the statement made by Spain and its assertion that the application of the Vienna Document 1999 to Gibraltar is without prejudice to the respective positions of the Kingdom of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the sovereignty of the isthmus of Gibraltar.

The United Kingdom requests that this statement be recorded in the journal of the meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.