
Chairmanship: Norway**804th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM**

1. Date: Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.40 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Kvile

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, Ukraine, Luxembourg-European Union, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Armenia, Switzerland, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Georgia and Hungary expressed condolences to the families of those who lost their lives as a result of the horrendous terrorist attacks in France as well as to the Russian Federation in connection with the downing of Metrojet Flight 9268. France (PC.DEL/1578/15/Corr.1) and the Russian Federation thanked delegations for these expressions of sympathy.

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

(a) *Situation in and around Ukraine:* Ukraine (Annex 1) (FSC.DEL/216/15), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/215/15), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 2)

(b) *Request for assistance with the upgrade of storage sites of stockpiles of conventional ammunition in Armenia:* Armenia (Annex 3), Chairperson

(c) *Confirmation of the bombing and downing of Metrojet Flight 9268:* Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE
 TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION
 ASSESSMENT MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 7/15 (FSC.DEC/7/15) on the agenda and modalities of the twenty-sixth Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons, held on 17 November 2015:* Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Slovenia)

- (b) *Financial contributions to projects on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition in the OSCE area:* Switzerland (Annex 4), Serbia (Annex 5), Montenegro (Annex 6), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova (Annex 7), Georgia, Chairperson of the Informal Group of Friends on Small Arms and Light Weapons (Slovenia) (also on behalf of the FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America))

- (c) *High-Level Military Doctrine Seminar to be held on 16 and 17 February 2016:* Hungary

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 25 November 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with today's statement by the Russian delegation on the status of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (ARC), the delegation of Ukraine wishes to emphasize the following.

International law prohibits the acquisition of part or all of another State's territory through coercion or force. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which remains an integral part of Ukraine, was illegally occupied and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. Illegitimate actions on the part of the Russian Federation do not have any legal consequences with regard to the status of the ARC as an integral part of Ukraine. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders is safeguarded by international law and UN General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, "Territorial integrity of Ukraine".

The Russian Federation is now in breach of such fundamental principles of the Helsinki Final Act as sovereign equality and respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty, refraining from the threat or use of force, inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity of States, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-intervention in internal affairs, and fulfilment in good faith of obligations in international law.

We call on the Russian Federation to return to the tenets of international law and reverse the annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the reference to Crimea in the statements by a number of delegations today, the delegation of the Russian Federation feels obliged to make the following observations.

The proclamation of independence of the Republic of Crimea and its incorporation into the Russian Federation was a legal expression of the right of the people of Crimea to self-determination at a time when Ukraine, with outside support, was in the throes of a *coup d'état*, with radical nationalist elements exerting a forceful influence on the decisions adopted in the country, which in turn resulted in the interests of the Ukrainian regions and Russian-speaking population being ignored.

The multi-ethnic population of Crimea took the corresponding decisions by a huge majority in a free and fair expression of its will. The status of the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol as constituent entities of the Russian Federation is not open to reconsideration or discussion. Crimea is and will remain Russian. This is a fact that our partners will have to come to terms with.

This position is based on and fully complies with international law.

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



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ARMENIA

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to recall the statements of our delegation delivered at the Forum on the conduct of the series of capacity-building events in Yerevan in the field of SALW and conventional ammunition, namely workshop held from 6 to 8 October 2015 and a roundtable of 2014 on Physical Security and Stockpile Management on SALW and Conventional Ammunition. As a direct outcome of the mentioned events and as identified during the workshop, we would like to inform the Forum that the stockpile management of two storage sites in Armenia, in Ararat and Yerevan, hardly meet minimum standards of the OSCE best practice.

Armenia undertakes possible steps to ensure safety and security of small arms and lights weapons and conventional stockpile. We annually allocate limited defence budget for construction and repair of storage sites. However, due to financial constraints, we are not able to fully ensure the OSCE standards of best practices in maintenance of storage sites which was attested by the OSCE experts, who visited the mentioned storage sites in the sidelines of the recent workshop held in Armenia.

Therefore, we kindly seek the assistance from the OSCE and donor States:

- To build one storage site in accordance with best international standards;
- To repair one storage site and equip it with modern security and safety devices;
- To retrain, through exchange of best experience, specialists in the field of missile and artillery armaments with a view to further review and improve the SOPs.

Armenia's request will be forwarded to the OSCE Secretariat through official channels and we would like to request, Mr. Chairperson, to append this statement to the journal of today's meeting.

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished colleagues,

In the current situation of degrading security, Switzerland is concerned about the diminishing ability of participating States to contribute financially and in kind to OSCE field projects on small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA). Switzerland considers the OSCE SALW and SCA assistance projects as ever more important vectors to reduce risks originating from degraded ammunition, to prevent unplanned explosions as well as to contribute to combating the illicit trade in and misuse of small arms and light weapons. These projects are appropriate means of contributing to prevention and to enhancing security and stability in the OSCE area as a whole, and hence of facilitating the establishment of the necessary framework for economic development and prosperity. I therefore have the privilege to announce today Swiss pledges of a total amount of 260,000 Swiss francs to OSCE SALW and SCA assistance projects, as follows:

- 30,000 Swiss francs for the project “Upgrade of SALW and SCA storage facilities” in Moldova;
- 50,000 Swiss francs for project 1101215, “Disposal of white phosphorus-filled ammunition” in Serbia;
- 10,000 Swiss francs for project 1101393, “Disposal of aircraft rockets and bombs; TNT melting from artillery shells” in Georgia;
- 40,000 Swiss francs for project 2700240, “Demilitarization of conventional ammunition and SALW” in Montenegro;
- 130,000 Swiss francs for the project for the security upgrade of ammunition and weapons storage sites (SECUP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Switzerland will also continue to support the OSCE SALW and SCA assistance projects through in-kind contributions and by sending experts to these field projects. Furthermore, we think that it is also important that the FSC continue to discuss and review issues related to SALW and SCA projects with the aim of facilitating procedures for

deploying such expert missions and thus strengthening the SALW and SCA assistance mechanism. In this context, Switzerland is looking forward to exploring ways to regulate adequate diplomatic privileges, functional immunities and appropriate treatment of military personnel and experts while exercising their functions during OSCE SALW and SCA field projects and during their journey to and from the places of such projects, as stated in the Ministerial Council draft decision on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition.

I kindly request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you very much for your attention.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Mr. Chairperson,

On behalf of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia, let me thank the delegation of Switzerland for its constant financial support to the Serbian Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management (CASM) for the demilitarization of white phosphorus and special smoke ammunition.

The donor support of the OSCE participating States for this project in the Republic of Serbia is of great importance for its further implementation. We are certain that these donations will help us to continue the CASM project in a smooth and cost-effective manner.

The Republic of Serbia supports OSCE efforts in the implementation of practical project activities on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition in the OSCE area. It greatly appreciates the OSCE support for its project and reaffirms its readiness to further co-operate on this particular matter.

Furthermore the CASM programme, in addition to fulfilling its primary objective, contributes to regional security and stability, improving human security and enhancing non-proliferation measures through the reduction of surplus ammunition and the upgrading of storage and overhauling facilities.

I would like once again to thank the distinguished delegation of Switzerland for that contribution and reaffirm the readiness of Serbia to further co-operate with its OSCE partners on this particular matter in a spirit of openness and transparency.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MONTENEGRO

Montenegro is very grateful to Switzerland for its considerable and timely donation to the Montenegro Demilitarization (MONDEM) programme.

With today's donations Switzerland has once again confirmed its commitment to capacity-building projects and demilitarization.

Surplus ordnance has represented one of our greatest internal security risks. With the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the OSCE and other partners, the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro has continuously been making significant efforts to destroy this and to improve safe keeping and storage capacities.

At present, 426 tons of ordnance remain to be destroyed through the MONDEM programme; the current shortfall in funding is approximately 700,000 euros.

In this regard, providing the necessary funds for the continuation of the planned activities in the fifth subphase of the third phase of the MONDEM programme is essential to bringing the programme successfully to completion.

Once again I thank Switzerland and I would like to express hope that in order to increase overall safety and stability, donations for MONDEM and similar projects through the OSCE will continue.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MOLDOVA

Mr. Chairperson,

On behalf of the Moldovan authorities, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Switzerland for its kind financial support to upgrade small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA) storage facilities in the Republic of Moldova.

This contribution is very valuable for the successful implementation of the ongoing project, which will improve the security environment in the region. The Moldovan authorities will be able to continue their efforts to enhance the safety and security of the four storage facilities, thus reducing the risk of SALW and ammunition proliferation as well as the risk to the health and life of the civilian population living in the vicinity of these sites.

Taking into account the remaining financial shortfall, we would welcome further assistance in order to achieve the objectives and outcomes of this important project for my country. Let me take this opportunity to also thank all donors for their assistance provided to the Moldovan Ministry of Defence in improving the infrastructure of the SALW and SCA storage facilities and in training specialists in the field of stockpile management and security. We look forward to continuing our co-operation with existing and potential future donors in order to ensure the viability and sustainability of the SALW and SCA projects in Moldova.

Thank you.

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DECISION No. 7/15
AGENDA AND MODALITIES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETING

(1 and 2 March 2016)

Vienna Document:

- (148) *The participating States will hold each year a meeting to discuss the present and future implementation of agreed CSBMs. Discussion may extend to:*
- (148.1) – *Clarification of questions arising from such implementation;*
 - (148.2) – *Operation of agreed measures, including the use of additional equipment during inspections and evaluation visits;*
 - (148.3) – *Implications of all information originating from the implementation of any agreed measures for the process of confidence- and security-building in the framework of the OSCE.*
- (149) *Before the conclusion of each year's meeting the participating States will normally agree upon the agenda and dates for the subsequent year's meeting. Lack of agreement will not constitute sufficient reason to extend a meeting, unless otherwise agreed. Agenda and dates may, if necessary, be agreed between meetings.*
- (150) *The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will hold such meetings. It will consider, as required, suggestions made during the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM) aiming at the improvement of the implementation of CSBMs.*
- (150.4) *Participating States which, for whatever reason, have not exchanged annual information according to this document and have not provided an explanation under the FSC announcing and reminding mechanism, will during the meeting explain the reasons why and provide an expected date for their full compliance with this commitment.*

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Tuesday, 1 March 2016

- 10–11 a.m. Opening session
- Opening of the Meeting by the Chairperson
 - Remarks by the Chairperson of the FSC
 - Presentation of a summary report and of the report on the Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres by the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)
 - General statements
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 1: Implementation of the Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI) and the Vienna Document, Introduction and Chapters I to III: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions
- GEMI
 - Vienna Document
 - Introduction
 - Annual exchange of military information
 - (i) Information on military forces
 - (ii) Data relating to major weapon and equipment systems
 - (iii) Information on plans for the deployment of major weapon and equipment systems
 - Defence planning
 - (i) Exchange of information
 - (ii) Clarification, review and dialogue
 - Risk reduction
 - (i) Mechanism for consultation and co-operation as regards unusual military activities
 - (ii) Co-operation as regards hazardous incidents of a military nature
 - (iii) Voluntary hosting of visits to dispel concerns about military activities
- 1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–5 p.m. Working session 1 continued if necessary

Working session 2: Implementation of the Vienna Document, Chapters IV to XII: Clarifications, assessments and conclusions

- Contacts:
 - (i) Visits to air bases
 - (ii) Programme of military contacts and co-operation
 - (iii) Military contacts, military co-operation
 - (iv) Demonstration of new types of major weapon and equipment systems
 - (v) Provision of information on contacts
- Military activities
 - (i) Prior notification of certain military activities
 - (ii) Observation of certain military activities
 - (iii) Annual calendars
 - (iv) Constraining provisions
- Compliance and verification
 - (i) Inspection
 - (ii) Evaluation
- Regional measures
- Communications Network

Wednesday, 2 March 2016

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Working session 2 continued if necessary

Working session 3: Reissuing the Vienna Document in 2016 as foreseen under Chapter XII of the Vienna Document.

1–3 p.m. Lunch break

3–4 p.m. Working session 3 continued

4.30–5.30 p.m. Closing session

- Discussion
- Possible recommendations on the dates and the agenda and modalities of the 2017 AIAM
- Concluding remarks
- Closure

II. Organizational modalities

1. The AIAM will last two days and will have opening and closing sessions and working sessions dealing with the topics contained in the agenda (Part I, above). The indicative timetable provides greater detail.
2. The organizational meeting of chairpersons, co-ordinators, rapporteurs, and the CPC is scheduled to be held on Monday, 29 February 2016, at 3 p.m. The working hours of the AIAM will be on the first day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m., and on the second day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m.
3. Interpretation into the official languages of the OSCE will be provided at all sessions of the AIAM.
4. The sessions will be chaired by representatives of the participating States, in rotation, in accordance with the French alphabetical order, following on from the chairing of the closing plenary meeting of the 2015 AIAM by Ireland. The chair of the opening session and working sessions will be held by Iceland. The chair of the closing session will be held by Italy.
5. Debates in the working sessions will be oriented towards problems and solutions and there will be no formal statements. Any national statements for the opening session should be presented in written form only and are to be distributed in advance. The working sessions are designed to be informal meetings of national experts with the objectives of answering questions, exchanging information and allowing for constructive debate between participating States. Delegations are strongly encouraged to provide detailed presentations and concrete examples of their own implementation experiences. Delegations are welcome to distribute written contributions prior to the Meeting, both on agenda items and on related matters for possible discussion. All delegations are strongly encouraged to provide national experts to participate in the AIAM.
6. To serve as a basis for preparatory work by delegations and co-ordinators, the CPC will circulate the following no later than 1 February 2016:
 - The revised Annual Survey on CSBM Information Exchanged and the AIAM Survey of Suggestions 2015;
 - A summary report on recent trends in the implementation of the Vienna Document and other measures;
 - A summary report on the Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres.
7. Each working session will have one designated co-ordinator and one rapporteur throughout. The task of the co-ordinators will be to facilitate and follow the discussion, while the immediate task of the rapporteurs will be to present brief written summary reports for use by the Chairperson of the closing session.
8. The co-ordinators will circulate a list of topics and questions designed to facilitate discussion in their working sessions no later than 8 February 2016. They will be supported by

the CPC in this regard. They will ensure that all relevant areas are addressed. The co-ordinators are also encouraged to focus discussions on suggestions that might be supported by the delegations.

9. Delegations that have volunteers to act as co-ordinators and/or rapporteurs for the working sessions should provide the names of the individuals to the Chairperson of the FSC as soon as possible, but no later than 29 January 2016. The names of the co-ordinators and rapporteurs for all the working sessions will be made known to all delegations no later than 1 February 2016.

10. At the first FSC plenary meeting following the AIAM, the Chairperson of the closing session will report to the FSC on the AIAM. Within one month after the AIAM, the Chairperson will provide the Consolidated Summary containing the Chairperson's statements and the presentations in the opening session, the reports of the rapporteurs of the working sessions and the Chairperson's closing remarks. Prior to publication, the rapporteurs are encouraged to circulate their draft reports to the delegations of those participating States that contributed to the relevant working session. Within a month after the AIAM, the CPC will circulate a written report on suggestions made during the Meeting aimed at improving the implementation of CSBMs.

11. In order to ensure the most productive discussion in the FSC when the participating States consider, as required, suggestions for improvement of the implementation of CSBMs made during the Meeting, the approach recommended is for delegations to bring forward suggestions or topics of interest by means of food-for-thought papers. Discussions on initial papers could lead to further work in the FSC.

12. Before the conclusion of the 2016 AIAM, the participating States are encouraged to consider recommendations for the agenda and dates for the 2017 AIAM. The agenda, modalities and dates of the 2017 AIAM should be adopted by a decision in the FSC before the end of 2016.

13. The Partners for Co-operation and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are invited to attend all sessions of the 2016 AIAM.