

Swiss Chairmanship

219th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 20 May 1998

Opened: 10.30 a.m.

Closed: 11.50 a.m.

2. Chairman: Ms. M. von Grünigen

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
OSCE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Belgium, France, United States of America, Germany, Netherlands, Canada,
Russian Federation, Italy, Sweden, Poland, United Kingdom, Portugal,
Czech Republic, Austria, Spain, Malta, Chairman

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 3/98
(FSC.DEC/3/98), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on technical
requirements for the OSCE communications network.

Agenda item 3: VIENNA DOCUMENT 1994 AND OTHER MEASURES

None

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Anti-personnel landmines*: Slovenia (FSC.DEL/137), United States
of America, Canada, Switzerland
- (b) *Organization of work of the Forum for Security Co-operation*: Chairman,
Germany, France, Sweden, Russian Federation, Portugal, Italy, Malta, Canada,
Greece, United Kingdom, Belgium, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic
- (c) *Regional issues*: Chairman

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 27 May 1998, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

219th Plenary Meeting

FSC Journal No. 225, Agenda item 2

DECISION No. 3/98

The Forum for Security Co-operation endorses, without any prejudice for future decisions including those with financial implications, the following recommendations, worked out by the OSCE Communications Group at its 10th meeting, held in Vienna on 29-30 April 1998 (FSC.GAL/52/98 Restr., Annex C), concerning the technical requirements for the OSCE communications network, initially defined in the Vienna Document 1990, Annex II:

1. The communications network will be based upon commonly used and officially recognized standards or protocols.
2. System administration and central mail server will be centralized at one location.
3. End users will have multiple options to connect to the server.
4. The message transfer system will have a capacity to store and forward in order to perform its traffic management role.
5. The end user hardware will be capable of supporting the agreed operating system.
6. Confirmation of message delivery and indication of non-delivery will be supported.
7. The communications network will support verification of message origin.
8. The communications network will support methods to ensure integrity and privacy of messages.
9. The communications network will support methods to prevent unauthorized access.
10. The central server will maintain a complete transaction log.