

Chairmanship: Slovenia

## 889th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 18 July 2018

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Benedejčič

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE BIENNIAL MEETING TO ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OSCE DOCUMENTS ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 5/18 (FSC.DEC/5/18) on the agenda, timetable and modalities for the Biennial Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 2: CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION, H.E. AMBASSADOR ANDREJ BENEDEJČIČ

Chairperson (FSC.DEL/139/18), Austria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/137/18), Belarus, Switzerland, Italy,

Slovakia, Canada, United States of America, Armenia, Russian Federation,  
Serbia, Sweden

Agenda item 3: GENERAL STATEMENTS

*Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/138/18 OSCE+)  
(FSC.DEL/138/18/Add.1 OSCE+), United States of America, Russian Federation,  
Austria-European Union*

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Franco-German co-ordination initiative on illicit trafficking in firearms in the Western Balkans: France (also on behalf of Germany) (Annex)*
- (b) *Training course for the OSCE Points of Contact on UN Security Council Resolution 1540, to be conducted in Rostov-on-Don, Russian Federation, from 4 to 7 September 2018: Russian Federation*
- (c) *Matters of protocol: Switzerland, Denmark, France, Czech Republic, Germany, Ukraine, Montenegro, Georgia, Portugal, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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**889th Plenary Meeting**

FSC Journal No. 895, Agenda item 4(a)

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE  
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF GERMANY)**

Mr. Chairperson,

I have the honour of reading the following statement on behalf of Germany and France.

The Franco-German co-ordination initiative on illicit firearms trafficking in the Western Balkans was officially presented at the Western Balkans Summit, which took place in London on 9 and 10 July.

This initiative, launched at the end of 2017, aims to strengthen co-operation with the authorities of the six countries of the region, improve donor co-ordination and propose new actions to combat trafficking in small arms and light weapons more effectively.

At the London Western Balkans Summit, Heads of State or Government endorsed the initiative and its regional road map to prevent the illegal possession, trafficking and misuse of small arms.

This road map aims to put in place comprehensive and sustainable mechanisms, in agreement with European and international standards, to identify, prevent and control the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives and prosecute the perpetrators. It sets a common framework, with goals and targets to be reached by 2024.

We welcome the support that the initiative and its road map have received and its endorsement in the final declaration of the London Summit.

France will be hosting a high-level meeting on this initiative in Paris in December 2018. At this meeting, governments of the region will be able to present their national action plans for the implementation of the road map objectives. This meeting will also provide an opportunity to announce specific measures to strengthen co-operation and provide funding to support the efforts of countries of the region in combating the illicit trade in firearms.

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



**889th Plenary Meeting**  
FSC Journal No. 895, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 5/18**  
**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND MODALITIES FOR THE**  
**BIENNIAL MEETING TO ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE**  
**OSCE DOCUMENTS ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND**  
**STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming its commitment to strengthening efforts aimed at ensuring the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) (FSC.DOC/1/00/Rev.1, 20 June 2012), the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA) (FSC.DOC/1/03/Rev.1, 23 March 2011), and related FSC decisions, including the OSCE Plan of Action on SALW (FSC.DEC/2/10, 26 May 2010),

Recalling Section VI of the OSCE Document on SALW, in which the participating States agreed that the FSC would review regularly, including, as appropriate, through annual review meetings, the implementation of the norms, principles and measures in the document, and agreed to keep its scope and content under regular review and to work on the further development of the document in the light of its implementation and of the work of the United Nations and of other international organizations and institutions,

Taking into account FSC Decision No. 4/18 on the dates of the Biennial Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA,

Decides to organize the Biennial Meeting to Assess the Implementation of the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA, which is to take place on 2 and 3 October 2018 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annex to this decision.

**BIENNIAL MEETING TO ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
OSCE DOCUMENTS ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND  
STOCKPILES OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION**

Vienna, 2 and 3 October 2018

**I. Agenda and indicative timetable**

**Tuesday, 2 October 2018**

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| 10–11 a.m.     | Opening session (including a coffee break) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Opening statement by the FSC Chairperson</li><li>– Opening address by the OSCE Secretary General (tbc)</li></ul>   |
| 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | High-level segment session: Outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and implications for the OSCE area <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Introduction by the high-level segment moderator</li><li>– Keynote speakers</li><li>– Discussions</li></ul> |
| 1–3 p.m.       | Lunch   |
| 3–6 p.m.       | Working session I: Assessment of implementation of OSCE commitments on SALW and SCA and options for improvement through the SALW Plan of Action (including a coffee break) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Introduction by the working session moderator</li><li>– Presentations</li><li>– Discussions</li></ul>  |

**Wednesday, 3 October 2018**

- 10 a.m.–12 noon      Working session II: Inventory of the OSCE handbooks of best practices on SALW and Conventional Ammunition
- Introduction by the working session moderator
  - Presentations
  - Discussions
- 12 noon–2 p.m.      Lunch
- 2–4 p.m.              Working session III: Assistance mechanism in the OSCE area (including a coffee break)
- Introduction by the working session moderator
  - Presentations
  - Discussions
- 4.15–5 p.m.          Closing session
- FSC Chairperson’s closing remarks

**II. Organizational modalities**

**Background**

The Ministerial Declaration on OSCE Assistance Projects in the Field of SALW and SCA (MC.DOC/3/16) encourages continued discussions on topical security issues related to SALW and SCA projects and holding periodic conferences to assess the implementation of ongoing OSCE projects on SALW and SCA.

Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/17 tasked the FSC to, *inter alia*, consider commencing biennial meetings to assess the implementation of the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA; to continue discussing the outcomes of the Review Conferences and Biennial Meetings of States, in the present instance the forthcoming Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in SALW in All Its Aspects; to continue further steps to improve the efficiency and outcome of SALW and SCA projects to ensure the maximum possible value in dealing with the challenges associated with SALW and SCA in line with the OSCE assistance mechanisms as outlined in the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA and relevant FSC decisions; to further intensify efforts to continue implementing the OSCE Plan of Action on SALW in all its aspects; and to explore ways to complement the existing OSCE measures aimed at addressing the illicit trafficking of SALW.

## **Organization**

The FSC Chairmanship will chair the opening and closing sessions.

Each session will have one designated moderator and one rapporteur throughout. The task of the moderators 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, and a written summary report, which will become a part of the Chairperson's report. The rapporteurs will assist the moderators in the preparation of their respective sessions.

Each session will be introduced by the moderator, after which several presentations will be given on specific aspects of the topic, either by the moderator, by keynote speakers or by other experts. The introduction and the presentations are to be in line with point papers to be distributed via the moderator prior to the meeting. The introductions and the presentations at the sessions are to be brief, so as to allow maximum time for discussion, and should therefore highlight only the most important elements of the point papers so as to provide information and set the scene for the discussion.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the meeting. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at all sessions. The FSC Chairperson will provide a report on the meeting not later than 14 December 2018, including a summary of suggestions and recommendations made during the meeting. The OSCE Secretariat will assist the FSC Chairperson in all matters concerning the organizational modalities of the meeting.

## **Participation**

The participating States are encouraged to ensure the participation of senior officials, including those from capitals, in the meeting. The Partners for Co-operation will also be invited to participate.

Other international and regional organizations that are involved in relevant SALW activities, such as the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, the UN Development Programme, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and the European Union, will also be invited by the FSC Chairperson. The deadline for registrations will be 12 September 2018.

## **General guidelines for participants**

Prior circulation of briefings, overviews or statements is encouraged. To promote interactive discussion, delegations are requested to provide formal statements in writing only. Delegations are requested to limit the length of their oral statements to five minutes.

### **Guidelines for keynote speakers and panellists**

To facilitate discussion within the time constraints, the keynote presentations will be limited to 15–20 minutes, introductions and presentations in the sessions to 20–25 minutes, and interventions/questions from the floor to five minutes.

In their contributions, the speakers at the opening and at the sessions should set the scene for the discussion and stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations, and should concentrate on the highlights of their contributions. Speakers should remain present during the entire session they are addressing and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation. In order to promote interactive discussion, formal statements and interventions at the sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes. The speakers should also contribute to the further substance of the meeting as it evolves and as time permits. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility of engaging in discussion.

### **Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs**

The moderator will chair the session and should facilitate and focus dialogue among the participants. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subjects of the sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or refine the scope of the discussion. The moderators may provide input to the Chairperson for the FSC Chairperson's report.

The rapporteurs' reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and rapporteurs should provide written summaries subsequent to the meeting. Personal views will not be advanced.

### **Guidelines for submitting and distributing written contributions**

Speakers should submit their written contributions to the meeting moderators no later than 28 September 2018. By 28 September 2018, participating States and other participants in the meeting are invited to submit any written contributions they may have.