

Chairmanship: Belgium

1029th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 16 November 2022 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference)

Opened: 10 a.m.
Closed: 11.30 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador D. Nagant de Deuxchaisnes

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson offered condolences to Türkiye in connection with the terrorist attack in Istanbul on 13 November and to Poland in connection with the missile explosion near the village of Przewodów on 15 November 2022. Türkiye and Poland thanked the Chairperson for the expressions of sympathy.

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE ELECTRONIC ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION AND THE GLOBAL EXCHANGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 2/22 (FSC.DEC/2/22) on the electronic annual exchange of military information and the Global Exchange of Military Information, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Ukraine (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) *Special military operation to denazify and demilitarize Ukraine:*
Russian Federation (FSC.DEL/436/22) (FSC.DEL/436/22/Add.1)

- (b) *Russian war of aggression against Ukraine*: Ukraine (FSC.DEL/434/22), Czech Republic-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Ukraine; the potential candidate country Georgia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/432/22), United Kingdom (FSC.DEL/433/22 OSCE+), United States of America (FSC.DEL/431/22), Canada, Russian Federation, Lithuania, Türkiye, Poland

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Announcement on the lack of consensus on holding the 2022 Meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres (FSC.GAL/94/22 Restr.): Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 23 November 2022, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference



1029th Plenary Meeting

FSC Journal No. 1035, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 2/22
ELECTRONIC ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION
AND THE GLOBAL EXCHANGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Recalling Chapter I of the Vienna Document 2011 on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures (FSC.DOC/1/11), which stipulates the annual exchange of military information (AEMI) by the OSCE participating States in an agreed format,

Recalling the General Provisions of the Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI) (DOC.FSC/5/96), which commits the OSCE participating States to annually exchange information on their worldwide major weapon and equipment systems and personnel in their conventional armed forces in an agreed format,

Recalling FSC Decision No. 17/07 on measures to improve the availability of exchanged FSC-related information by sharing the relevant information with the OSCE Documents Distribution Unit in an electronic format for further distribution,

Reaffirming the OSCE participating States' commitment to full and timely implementation of all confidence- and security-building measures adopted by them,

Taking into account the need to ensure ongoing support for, and continuous improvement of, existing procedures in order to help participating States fulfil their commitments,

Recalling participating States' positive assessments of the added value of the informal electronic data workshop,

In the light of positive technological developments,

Decides as follows:

1. Each participating State commits to provide its official AEMI and GEMI submissions as described in this paragraph, as of, and beginning with the AEMI of 15 December 2022, and the GEMI of 30 April 2023, both with data valid as of 1 January 2023:

- In accordance with the requirements outlined in the Vienna Document and the Global Exchange of Military Information;
 - In one of the six working languages of the OSCE;
 - Not later than the official date of the AEMI or GEMI;
 - Via the OSCE Communications Network, attached to a Vienna Document F41 notification to all participating States and the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)¹, the body of which identifies the official nature of the submission, the following:
 - A note verbale (NV) or an accompanying letter in Portable Document Format (PDF), scanned from a printed version, certifying authenticity of the information submitted;
 - The participating State’s official AEMI or GEMI submission in PDF, either scanned from a printed version or merged with the scan of the NV/letter as stated above;
 - The supporting agreed upon data structures (DAT files) as validated at the annual automated data workshop held in advance of the AEMI or GEMI;
 - Using the following common naming convention for the files attached to the F41 notification:
 - CBM_XX_YY_NNNN_F41_ANNEX##.pdf;
 - CBM_XX_YY_NNNN_F41_ANNEX##.zip;
 - Where “XX” stands for the respective country code used for Vienna Document notifications, “YY” for the last two digits of the corresponding AEMI or GEMI year, “NNNN” for the sequential notification number, and “##” for the annex number, as appropriate. Within the F41 notification, each participating State is to identify and describe all annexes submitted;
 - Recalling FSC Decision No. 17/07, the CPC is to forward the official AEMI or GEMI submission to the OSCE Documents Distribution Unit for further distribution, unless revoked in the submitted F41 notification;
2. A participating State may correct errors in its official AEMI or GEMI submission by submitting an F41 notification via the OSCE Communications Network describing the changes and appending updated PDF and DAT files to replace those being corrected;
3. The FSC requires the OSCE Communications Group to organize an automated data workshop, allowing for both in person as well as remote participation, annually, in advance of the official exchange dates for AEMI and GEMI, to assist participating States by:

1 Upon request, the CPC can provide through the Communications Network a composite set of information collected from the official AEMI and GEMI submissions.

- Validating data-consistent DAT files for use as the basis of their official AEMI and GEMI submissions; and
- Providing technical support for making official AEMI and GEMI submissions through the OSCE Communications Network, attached to an F41 notification²;
- Providing paper copies of official AEMI and GEMI submissions upon request.

4. The FSC may request that the OSCE Communications Group provide reports to the FSC evaluating the technical implementation of the exchanges in accordance with the provisions of this decision and suggesting improvements to that implementation. The FSC may request that such reports be delivered no later than the start of the OSCE summer recess each year.

² The CPC will provide participating States in Vienna with the capability to create, modify, print, scan and send official notifications via the Communications Network, both during the workshop and for the official AEMI and GEMI submissions.

FSC.DEC/2/22
16 November 2022
Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Ukraine:

“Mr Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the decision on the electronic annual exchange of military information and the Global Exchange of Military Information by the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

The ongoing armed aggression of the Russian Federation makes it impossible for the Ukrainian side to take part in the 2023 annual exchange of military information as well as to send certain routine notifications provided for both by the 2011 Vienna Document and bilateral CSBMs agreements. The respective notification format F41 was circulated on 15 November under reference number CBM/UA/22/0027/F41/O.

Ukraine will resume its usual participation in the exchange of military information as soon as the circumstances permit.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to this decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.”