

Chairmanship: Montenegro

789th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 20 May 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador S. Milačić

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

Agenda item 1: SECURITY DIALOGUE: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
OF UNSCR 1540 – CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

Presentation by Mr. R. O. Marchesi, Chair of the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004): Chairperson, Mr. R. O. Marchesi (FSC.DEL/94/15 OSCE+), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/95/15), Spain, Belarus (FSC.DEL/98/15 OSCE+), Serbia, United States of America, Armenia, Russian Federation, FSC Chairperson's Co-ordinator on Non-Proliferation Issues (Latvia), Mr. T. Taylor (1540 Committee Expert Group)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex) (FSC.DEL/97/15), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/96/15), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation, Austria

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Canada
- (b) *Vacancy announcement for the post of Assistant Project Officer in the Conflict Prevention Centre*: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Military exercise in Estonia, conducted from 4 to 15 May 2015*: Estonia

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 27 May 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Madam 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, Madam Chairperson.