

Chairmanship: Norway

806th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 9 December 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.30 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Kvile

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

Agenda item 1: DISCUSSION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE
2015 MINISTERIAL COUNCIL IN BELGRADE

Chairperson, 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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/229/15), Serbia (Annex 1), Belarus, United States of America, Russian Federation, Ukraine (FSC.DEL/231/15)

Agenda item 2: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in and around Ukraine: Ukraine (Annex 2) (FSC.DEL/232/15), 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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/230/15), United States of America, Russian Federation (Annex 3)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Financial contribution to the Montenegro Demilitarization programme (MONDEM): Ireland (Annex 4), Montenegro, FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (United States of America)*
- (b) *Informal meeting on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, to be held on 16 December 2015 (FSC.GAL/148/15): FSC Co-ordinator for the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security (Czech Republic)*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 16 December 2015, at 11 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Mr. Chairperson,

The Republic of Serbia would like to congratulate the Norwegian FSC Chairmanship on the excellent work it did in preparation for and during the Belgrade Ministerial Council, which unfortunately did not result in consensus on any FSC documents.

We all agree that the politico-military aspects of security represent an integral and key element in the concept of comprehensive security that forms the basis for all OSCE activities.

Regretfully, the Ministerial Council meeting in Belgrade concluded its deliberations without adopting any decision related to the framework and area of responsibility of the Forum for Security Co-operation. Unfortunately, this is the fourth Ministerial in a row that has failed to take the necessary step of adopting a decision on issues relevant to the work of the FSC.

The Serbian OSCE Chairmanship has been conducted with the aim of achieving consensus on essential issues that are important for advancing co-operative security in the OSCE area. Although circumstances were and still are complicated, we were convinced that with political will we would be able to engage in open, frank and constructive dialogue on all issues of common concern.

In this context, but now looking to the future, we call on all participating States to create the conditions necessary for a resumption of constructive discussions on politico-military issues related to enhancing security in the OSCE area in 2016, including issues related to conventional arms control and CSBMs.

Finally, we are pleased to emphasize how much we appreciate participating States' efforts to achieve positive results in the politico-military field at the Ministerial Council and we hope that your time in Belgrade was a pleasant one.

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

Thank you.



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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 IRELAND

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE is pleased to announce the contribution of 25,000 euros to the MONDEM Project in Montenegro (Project No. 2700240). Ireland is glad to be able to join other participating States in supporting this worthy project, thus enhancing efforts to facilitate the environmentally benign, safe, efficient and effective disposal of SALW/SCA in the OSCE space.