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Chairmanship: Finland

561st PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. <u>Date</u>: Wednesday, 22 October 2008

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

- 2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Mr. M. Kangaste
- 3. <u>Subjects discussed Statements Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Situation in Georgia: Georgia, Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: UPDATE BY THE OSCE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE OSCE-UKRAINE PROJECT "ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE IN ELIMINATING MELANGE (LIQUID ROCKET FUEL COMPONENT) STOCKS"

Chairperson, Secretary General, Denmark (also on behalf of Norway) (Annex 1), Sweden (Annex 2), Germany, Spain, Poland, Czech Republic (Annex 3), Greece, Ukraine (FSC.DEL/172/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation by Ambassador Paul Seger, Head of the Directorate for Public International Law and Legal Adviser of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, on the Montreux Document on Private Military and Security Companies: Chairperson, Mr. P. Seger (FSC.DEL/162/08) (FSC.DEL/166/08 OSCE+), France, United States of America, Austria, United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Distribution of the agenda of the 36th joint FSC-PC meeting, to be held on 29 October 2008 (FSC-PC.GAL/6/08/Rev.1): Chairperson
- (b) *Organizational matters*: Chairperson
- 4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF DENMARK (ALSO ON BEHALF OF NORWAY)

Thank you, Mr. Secretary General, for the comprehensive briefing on the melange project in Ukraine.

Denmark and Norway continue to strongly support project activities aimed at the disposal of rocket fuel component melange, which is one of the OSCE focal areas in the 2009 Programme Outline. The destruction of melange remains important due to its possible injures to the health of communities and pollution of the environment. Therefore, we are taking an active approach towards dealing with Ukraine's stockpiles of melange and have donated 900,000 euros to the project.

The OSCE's work on implementing the large-scale project for the destruction of melange in Ukraine is very important. The project must move forward as soon as possible in order to minimize the risks related to deteriorating storage facilities — and also to fulfil the expectations of current and future donors.

Therefore, Denmark and Norway endorse the way forward as described by the Secretary General, and encourage other participating States to do the same.

Mr. Chairperson, I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SWEDEN

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

Sweden would like to thank Secretary General Brichambaut for his comprehensive presentation and work on this matter, and to support his activities aimed at moving the process forward.

We support the melange project in Ukraine and would like it to move forward as soon as possible. We have set aside quite a large amount of money for this project — around one million euros for 2008, and a second tranche of around 500,000 euros for 2009.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to thank the OSCE Secretary General for the comprehensive information he provided on the implementation of the OSCE-Ukraine melange stockpiles project.

The Czech Republic considers destruction of the stockpiles of rocket fuel melange in Ukraine to be a very important matter. In the last few years, the Czech Republic has provided an indispensable contribution for the OSCE-Ukraine project on eliminating stockpiles of melange.

The Czech Republic welcomes the effort to adopt a proper solution for eliminating stockpiles of melange in Ukraine and supports activities aimed at moving forward and starting a new phase of the melange project as soon as possible. In this sense, we support the proposals made by the OSCE Secretary General.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day.