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1. Date: Wednesday, 22 September 2010

Opened: 10.15 a.m. Closed: 10.50 a.m.

- 2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O'Leary
- 3. <u>Subjects discussed Statements Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

- (a) Presentation on the small arms and light weapons project in Belarus: FSC Co-ordinator for Projects on Small Arms and Light Weapons (United Kingdom) (FSC.DEL/93/10 OSCE+), Germany, Belarus, Chairperson
- (b) Final destruction of cluster munitions in Belgium: Belgium (Annex)
- (c) Annual exchange of military information: Azerbaijan, Armenia
- (d) Proposed draft decision on new dates for the OSCE Workshop to Identify the Proper Role of the OSCE in Facilitation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) (FSC.DEL/88/10 Restr.): United States of America
- (e) Food-for-thought paper on Vienna Document priorities to enhance military transparency and proposals for draft decisions (FSC.DEL/89/10 Restr.) (FSC.DEL/90/10 Restr.) (FSC.DEL/91/10 Restr.) (FSC.DEL/92/10 Restr.): United States of America

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

None

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON NEGOTIATIONS ON THE VIENNA DOCUMENT 1999 (not adopted)

Chairperson

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Report to the FSC on the 2010 Annual Security Review Conference: FSC (a) Chef de File on the 2010 Annual Security Review Conference (Hungary) (FSC.DEL/95/10 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (b) Matters of protocol: Italy, Chairperson

Next meeting: 4.

Wednesday, 29 September 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BELGIUM

Mr. Chairperson,

The total destruction of the Belgian army's stock of cluster munitions was completed at the beginning of August. Belgium thus becomes one of the first States Parties to have fulfilled its destruction obligation as envisaged by the Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions, and to have done so well within the eight-year deadline provided by the Convention, which entered into force on 1 August 2010.

This accomplishment shows Belgium's firm commitment to the implementation of the Convention – a commitment strengthened by active involvement in the universalization of the Convention and in the elaboration of a reporting format for transparency measures.

In addition, Belgium was the first country in the world to enact, on 18 May 2006, a national law prohibiting cluster munitions.

Belgium encourages participating States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Oslo Convention. Belgium attaches great importance to this disarmament treaty, and urges broad participation in the First Meeting of States Parties, to be held in Vientiane, Laos, in November 2010.

Mr. Chairperson,

I ask that you annex the text of this statement to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.