



Chairmanship: Latvia

682nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 16 May 2012

Opened: 10.40 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador G. Apals

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

Visit to a military airbase and installation in northern Germany in accordance with Chapter IV of the Vienna Document 2011, conducted from 23 to 26 April 2012: Germany (Annex)

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

Presentation on the strategic security environment in the 21st century by:

– *Mr. F. Tanner, Director of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy*

– *Ms. S. MacIntosh, Director of Defence and International Security, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom*

Chairperson, Mr. F. Tanner, Ms. S. MacIntosh, Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia and San Marino, in alignment) (FSC.DEL/47/12), United States of America, Ireland, Switzerland, Turkey

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Announcement of a photo exhibition entitled Toward New Horizons Together: Kazakhstan*
- (b) *Update on the project in Georgia on the disposal of cluster bombs: Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (c) *Distribution of the draft statement by the Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) on behalf of the OSCE at the Second Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects, to be held in New York from 27 August to 9 September 2012 (FSC.DEL/45/12 Restr.): Chairperson*
- (d) *Distribution of the annotated agenda for the OSCE Expert Level Session on Small Arms and Light Weapons Stockpile Management, Surplus Reduction and Destruction, to be held in Vienna on 24 May 2012 (FSC.GAL/64/12 OSCE+): Chairperson*
- (e) *Letter from the Chairperson of the FSC to the Chairperson of the Permanent Council (PC) on the FSC contribution to the PC draft decision on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2012 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) (FSC.DEL/46/12/Rev.1): Chairperson*

The FSC agreed to forward the letter from the Chairperson of the FSC to the Chairperson of the PC regarding the PC draft decision on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2012 ASRC.

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 30 May 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY

Mr. Chairperson,
Esteemed colleagues,

From 23 to 26 April 2012, the Federal Republic of Germany conducted several measures under Chapter IV of the Vienna Document in northern Germany: a visit to an air base and a military facility and the demonstration of new types of major weapon and equipment systems. In this way, the Federal Republic of Germany has underscored its political will to continue to fully implement the letter and the spirit of this important confidence- and security-building instrument.

Sixty-three participants from 33 OSCE participating States, visitors from 3 Partners for Co-operation as well as representatives of NATO, RACVIAC and the OSCE took part in the event. The encouragingly high level of interest, in our view, underscores the significance that we all attach to transparency in military matters as a confidence-building measure.

In less than a week we have shown military facilities, troop units and weapon systems of the army, air force and navy and in doing so have voluntarily gone beyond the requirements of the Vienna Document 2011. The inclusion of a naval base in the visit is regarded by us as an extra voluntary contribution intended to underscore our commitment to comprehensive openness and transparency, not as setting a precedent for the forthcoming and necessary updating of the Vienna Document.

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