

Chairmanship: Bulgaria**490th PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM/Corrected reissue***

1. Date: Wednesday, 26 July 2006

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 11.25 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. G. Georgiev

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

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FSC ON
THE OCCASION OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE
CHAIRMANSHIP BY THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Chairperson (FSC.DEL/367/06 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy,
Canada (Annex), Germany, Cyprus, Belarus, United States of America,
Belgium

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS
 - (a) *EU response to question one, on measures to combat terrorism, of the
Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of
Security (FSC.DEL/369/06):* Finland-European Union, Russian Federation

 - (b) *Food-for-thought paper on elements for a decision on combating the illicit air
transportation of small arms and light weapons and their ammunition
(FSC.DEL/368/06 OSCE+):* France, Chairperson

* Incorporates an amendment to agenda item 3 (c).

- (c) *Summit of the Heads of State of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, held in Minsk on 22 and 23 June 2006: Belarus (FSC.DEL/370/06 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Matters of protocol: Cyprus, Chairperson, Luxembourg, Russian Federation*
- (e) *Security sector reform and the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security: Switzerland*
- (f) *Reminding mechanisms on information exchange: Conflict Prevention Centre, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 13 September 2006, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CANADA

Canada would like to take this opportunity to join other delegations in thanking the outgoing Bulgarian chairmanship for their comprehensive input today and for their excellent work in leading this forum. We look forward to our continued co-operation in the Troika in our capacity as the incoming Chair of the FSC.

Canada thanks Bosnia and Herzegovina as it departs the FSC troika. We continue to benefit from their leadership in outlining the yearly programme of work. Canada also welcomes Cyprus as the incoming Troika member.

Canada takes note of the achievements that have already been made by this Forum this year. These include the Military Doctrine Seminar, the new MANPADS annex, the Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting (AIAM), the special FSC meeting on Small Arms and Light Weapons, and the FSC's contribution to the recent Annual Security Review Conference and the UN Review Conference, as well as our commitment to holding a special meeting on the Code of Conduct. All of these achievements attest to the hard work and contribution of the chairmanship, co-ordinators, *chefs de file*, and of individual delegations, and are part of the FSC's contribution to regional security. We will build on these during our Canadian chairmanship.

Notwithstanding the complexities of the Forum's evolving dynamic, we remain mindful of its mandate and governing principles as a discussion and decision-making body committed to enhancing stability and security. In so doing, we also recognize the need to optimize its consultative processes as well as intensify its co-operative mechanisms.

To these ends, we will continue to be guided by the Joint Annual Programme that was discussed at the beginning of the year. This has proven to be an invaluable tool and Canada will encourage future Chairs to continue this practice.

Following the goals set out at the beginning of the year, we would like to outline some of our areas of interest:

1. Canada intends to continue to focus on project development relating to small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition, and ensure that an FSC progress report on this issue is forwarded to the Brussels Ministerial Council meeting.

2. As UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) is a key aspect of global efforts to stem the proliferation of weapons and materials of mass destruction, we intend to facilitate discussion on the recent proposal on how the OSCE can contribute to the universal implementation and effective application of this resolution.
3. The preparations for a special FSC meeting on the Code of Conduct on 27 September are well underway. We express our gratitude to our co-ordinator, Colonel Pierre Von Arx of the Swiss delegation for his diligence in developing the meeting's agenda and modalities.
4. This year's AIAM brought forth the issue of the Conventional Arms Transfers (CAT) Questionnaire. Noting that an update to the FSC decision relating to the CAT Questionnaire may be seen as useful by some delegations, Canada intends to follow up on this issue.
5. We regard the topic of security sector reform as a very important and relevant one, as Ambassador Zannier reminded the Forum two weeks ago. We look forward to hearing delegations' views on how best to approach the issue in the FSC and to co-ordinate with the Permanent Council.
6. We also intend to advance the Forum's discussions on confidence- and security-building measures. The papers recently tabled on prior notification of large-scale military transit and complementary measures for risk reduction in the deployment of foreign military forces in the OSCE area, provide us much food for thought and discussion.

In the same vein, the FSC security dialogue remains a priority. Canada firmly believes in the security dialogue as a useful platform that connects this Forum with other organizations, initiatives and developments. Noting the paramount importance of addressing new and evolving threats to security, Canada intends to use the security dialogue as an opportunity to analyze how the FSC can better address new challenges. For this reason, we have already planned on hosting presentations on a range of topics including joint civil-military emergency preparedness, the EU Task Force, and landmines.

However, we wish to reassure all that a strict balance will be maintained to ensure that sufficient time is allotted for substantive plenary and Working Group discussions in addition to the security dialogue. This will be important when considering the preparations needed for the upcoming Ministerial Council meeting in December.

We look forward to dynamic and constructive dialogue in the FSC over the coming months with a view to implementing a productive programme of work.