



Bilateral consultations in the field of security policy between Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Hungary at the Assistant Minister level took place in Budapest on 1 December 2016.

The delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia was headed by Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for Security Policy Ambassador Branimir Filipovic, while the Hungarian delegation was led by Ambassador Levente Benkő, Political Director and Deputy State Secretary for Security Policy in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary.

In the cordial and open talks they noted a very high level and intensity of political dialogue between the two countries as well as further rise in the bilateral relations, as demonstrated by the recent third joint session of the Governments of Hungary and Serbia.

In the talks, a number of security policy issues was discussed. Other topics included regional security and cooperation and preservation of durable stability in the Western Balkans, the European process of the region's countries, security challenges, cooperation between the Republic of Serbia and NATO in the framework of Partnership for Peace programme, participation in the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy, and also arms export control and non-proliferation.

The officials also exchanged their views in detail concerning the situation in Kosovo and Metohija and the current situation in the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue.