
Chairmanship: Germany**1100th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 12 May 2016

Opened: 9.05 a.m.
Closed: 1.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl
Ms. C. Weil

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN
TAJIKISTAN

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan (PC.FR/15/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/668/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/638/16), Switzerland, Turkey (PC.DEL/676/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/656/16), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/678/16 OSCE+), Mongolia, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/665/16 OSCE+), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/639/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 PROGRAMME OUTLINE
BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Secretary General (SEC.GAL/69/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/667/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/657/16), Switzerland, Turkey, United States of America (PC.DEL/640/16), Kazakhstan

(PC.DEL/677/16 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/673/16), Armenia, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/642/16 OSCE+), Ukraine, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE DATES AND VENUE OF THE 2016
OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1206 (PC.DEC/1206) on the dates and venue of the 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/649/16), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/669/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/659/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/641/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/646/16 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/654/16 OSCE+)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/658/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/681/16), Ukraine
- (c) *Seventy-first anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe and Europe Day:* Chairperson (PC.DEL/666/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/670/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/643/16) (PC.DEL/664/16), Ukraine (PC.DEL/650/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/662/16)
- (d) *International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT), to be observed on 17 May:* Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/679/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/648/16) (PC.DEL/680/16), Canada (also on behalf of

Iceland, Norway and Switzerland), Norway (PC.DEL/675/16), Holy See (PC.DEL/644/16 OSCE+), Chairperson

- (e) *The death penalty in Belarus*: Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/672/16), Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, San Marino and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/674/16), Belarus
- (f) *Violations of the rights of child migrants in the European Union*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/660/16), Netherlands-European Union, Norway
- (g) *Seventy-second anniversary of the deportation of the Crimean Tatar people by the Soviet regime*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/651/16), Canada (PC.DEL/655/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/645/16/Corr.1), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/671/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/647/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/661/16)
- (h) *Fortieth anniversary of the Moscow Helsinki Group, observed on 12 May*: United States of America (PC.DEL/652/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/663/16)

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Efforts by the Chairperson-in-Office to de-escalate the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/70/16)
- (b) *Participation of the Chairperson-in-Office in a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Normandy Format, held in Berlin on 11 May 2016*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/70/16)
- (c) *Meeting of the Chairperson-in-Office with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, held on 11 May 2016*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/70/16)
- (d) *Monitoring of the line of contact by the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, conducted on 11 May 2016*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/70/16)

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Athens, undertaken on 10 May 2016*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/70/16 OSCE+)

- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in the Senior Management Retreat of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, held in Kyiv on 8 and 9 May 2016:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/70/16 OSCE+)
- (c) *Visit of the Secretary General to Trieste, Italy, undertaken on 5 May 2016:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/70/16 OSCE+)
- (d) *Annual meeting of the Gender Focal Points, organized by the OSCE Gender Section and held in Baden, Austria, on 10 and 11 May 2016:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/70/16 OSCE+)
- (e) *Visit to Turkey by the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, undertaken from 9 to 13 May 2016:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/70/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Lack of consensus on the Permanent Council draft decision on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw (PC.DD/10/16 Restr.):* Chairperson
- (b) *Press release by the Co-Chairmen of the OSCE Minsk Group, issued on 12 May 2016 (SEC.PR/364/16):* France (also on behalf of the Russian Federation and the United States of America)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 26 May 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1206
DATES AND VENUE OF THE
2016 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE**

(Vienna, 5 and 6 October 2016)

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the offer by the Republic of Austria to host the 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, and further to discussions with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

1. Decides to hold the 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, which could deal with issues related to youth, migration, and violent extremism, on 5 and 6 October 2016 in Austria;
2. Notes that the Conference is intended to start with a political segment in the afternoon of 5 October and will continue with discussions in separate sessions throughout 6 October;
3. Also decides that further details concerning the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities for the Conference will be elaborated within the framework of the Mediterranean Contact Group and submitted to the Permanent Council for adoption.