
Chairmanship: Austria

1156th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 31 August 2017

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 5.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja
Mr. K. Iro
Ambassador K. Kögeler

The Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Marc Ungeheuer.

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson drew the attention of the Permanent Council to the condemnation by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, H.E. S. Kurz, of the most recent provocations and breaches of international law by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, also offered condolences to Spain, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Finland, the Russian Federation and Turkey, in connection with recent terrorist attacks in those States.

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

Agenda item 1: INAUGURAL REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY
GENERAL, MR. THOMAS GREMINGER

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/113/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1116/17 OSCE+), Estonia-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; as well as Andorra,

1 Includes a correction to the speaker list of agenda item 1, as well as an additional document symbol.

Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1176/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1113/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/1161/17 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1125/17 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Georgia (PC.DEL/1144/17 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) (PC.DEL/1152/17 OSCE+), Armenia, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1135/17), Serbia (PC.DEL/1165/17 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1128/17 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/1133/17 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Australia (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/1115/17 OSCE+), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION IN
 KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/21/17/Corr.1 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1117/17 OSCE+), Estonia-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; and the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1150/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1114/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/1123/17 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1127/17 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/1126/17), Albania (PC.DEL/1124/17 OSCE+), United Kingdom (also on behalf of Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Slovenia and Sweden) (Annex 1), Spain (Annex 2), Slovakia, Cyprus, Serbia (PC.DEL/1145/17 OSCE+)

Prior to taking up agenda item 3, the Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that he, in a letter (CIO.GAL/153/17 Restr.) issued on 26 July 2017, had announced the adoption through a silence procedure of Permanent Council Decision No. 1266 (PC.DEC/1266) on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the text of which is appended to this journal.

The Chairperson also informed the Permanent Council that he, in a letter (CIO.GAL/154/17 Restr.) issued on 26 July 2017, had announced the adoption through a silence procedure of Permanent Council Decision No. 1267 (PC.DEC/1267) on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the 2017 Human Dimension Seminar, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson, Germany (also on behalf of France)

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1136/17), Estonia-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 countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the

European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1151/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1118/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/1159/17 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1129/17 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1147/17 OSCE+), Belarus

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1134/17), Ukraine
- (c) *International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, observed on 30 August:* Estonia-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; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1154/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1119/17), Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Russian Federation
- (d) *Freedom of expression in Azerbaijan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1120/17), Estonia-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; as well as Canada and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1155/17), Switzerland (also on behalf of Norway) (PC.DEL/1131/17 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1132/17 OSCE+)
- (e) *Linguistic discrimination in Latvia:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1140/17/Corr.1), Latvia (PC.DEL/1162/17)
- (f) *Violations of freedom of the media in Estonia:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1143/17), Estonia (PC.DEL/1146/17 OSCE+)
- (g) *Recent hate-related violence in the United States of America:* Estonia-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; and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1149/17)
- (h) *Neo-Nazism and the tragedy of Charlottesville, United States of America:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1142/17)
- (i) *Legislative developments in Moldova:* Estonia-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; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1156/17), Moldova

- (b) *Release of the 2016 Annual Report of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: United States of America, Russian Federation* (PC.DEL/1138/17 OSCE+)
- (c) *Presidential election in Slovenia, to be held on 22 October 2017: Slovenia* (PC.DEL/1157/17 OSCE+)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 28 September 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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PC.JOUR/1156/Corr.1
31 August 2017
Annex 1

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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CANADA, CROATIA,
THE CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE,
GERMANY, ITALY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, MALTA,
THE NETHERLANDS, SLOVENIA AND SWEDEN)**

Mr. Chairperson,

I am making this statement in a national capacity and also on behalf of Germany, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Sweden.

Mr. Chairperson,

We appreciate the excellent work carried out by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo in order to support the authorities of the country in strengthening their institutions. We are pleased to welcome Ambassador Jan Braathu to the Permanent Council and look forward to continuing to work with him in a constructive manner.

We welcome the fact that the Mission is continuously adapting its activities to Kosovo's needs and we welcome the opportunity provided yesterday by the Chairmanship to engage with the Kosovan Language Commissioner during the informal meeting. In that context, we once again express the hope that it will prove possible in the future to have contacts between participating States and technical representatives of the Kosovo administrations co-operating with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo. We should like to discuss the conceivable options as soon as possible with Ambassador Jan Braathu and all participating States prior to his next report to the Permanent Council.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

Mr. Chairperson,

Spain fully subscribes to the statement made by the European Union on this matter and should also like to express its significant support for the work carried out by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo together with other international institutions present in the territory of Kosovo. I should also like to thank Ambassador Jan Braathu for his statement and report on his activities and the work he has been doing with his team.

Spain, like other participating States, does not recognize the territory of Kosovo as a State. In this regard, I should like to recall that any proposal or initiative concerning the OSCE Mission in Kosovo should be based on respect for United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).



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26 July 2017

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PC Journal No. 1155, Agenda item 7

DECISION No. 1266
TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR
IN WARSAW

The Permanent Council,

Decides that the Human Dimension Seminar will take place in Warsaw on 11 and 12 October 2017 and will be devoted to the topic “Rights of the Child: Children in Situations of Risk”;

Tasks the ODIHR with elaborating the agenda and modalities of the Seminar.

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PC Journal No. 1155, Agenda item 8

DECISION No. 1267
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL
MODALITIES OF THE 2017 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR

(Warsaw, 11 and 12 October 2017)

Rights of the child: children in situations of risk

I. Agenda

1. Opening of the Seminar
2. Opening plenary: Keynote addresses
3. Discussion in three working groups:
 - Working group I: Children deprived of liberty
 - Working group II: Trafficking in children
 - Working group III: Strategies for preventing situations of risk
4. Closing plenary: Summing up and closing of the Seminar

II. Timetable and other organizational modalities

1. The Seminar will open on Wednesday, 11 October 2017 at 10 a.m. It will close on Thursday, 12 October 2017 at 6 p.m.
2. All plenary sessions and working group sessions will be open to all participants.
3. The closing plenary session, scheduled for the afternoon of 12 October 2017, will focus on practical suggestions and recommendations for addressing the issues discussed during the working group sessions.

4. The plenary and working group sessions will take place in accordance with the work programme below.
5. A representative of the ODIHR will chair the plenary sessions.
6. The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE and the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues (Permanent Council Decision No. 476) will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Seminar. Furthermore, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.
7. The discussions during the plenary and working group sessions will be interpreted from and into the six working languages of the OSCE.

III. Work programme

Working hours: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
3–6 p.m.

	Wednesday 11 October 2017	Thursday 12 October 2017
Morning	Opening plenary session Working group I	Working group II
Afternoon	Working group I cont.	Working group III Closing plenary session