

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Permanent Council

PC.JOUR/1265 30 April 2020

Original: ENGLISH

Chairmanship: Albania

1265th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 30 April 2020 (via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 6.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Hasani

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson reminded the Permanent Council of the technical modalities for the conduct of meetings of the Council via video teleconferencing technology during the COVID-19 pandemic (SEC.GAL/45/20).

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/11/20 OSCE+), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/388/20), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/363/20), Switzerland (PC.DEL/369/20 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/373/20 OSCE+), United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/365/20) (PC.DEL/367/20), Ukraine (PC.DEL/382/20), Moldova (PC.DEL/366/20 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN NUR-SULTAN

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan (PC.FR/10/20 OSCE+), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of the

Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/386/20), Switzerland (PC.DEL/370/20 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/372/20), Turkey (PC.DEL/378/20 OSCE+), United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/368/20), Turkmenistan, Belarus (PC.DEL/364/20 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/396/20 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1367 (PC.DEC/1367) on the dates of the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson, Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea: Ukraine (PC.DEL/383/20), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/385/20), Switzerland (PC.DEL/371/20 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/376/20 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/381/20)
- (b) Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/375/20), Ukraine
- (c) World Press Freedom Day, observed on 3 May 2020: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/377/20), Latvia (PC.DEL/394/20), France, Ukraine, Estonia, United Kingdom, United States of America (PC.DEL/391/20)
- (d) Dismantling of a monument to Marshal Ivan Konev in Prague: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/380/20), Czech Republic, Belarus
- (e) Domestic and sexual violence risks under COVID-19 in the OSCE area:
 United Kingdom (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria,
 Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia,
 Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece,
 Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,
 Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North

Macedonia, Norway, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine) (PC.DEL/395/20), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/374/20), United States of America (PC.DEL/393/20)

- (f) Protecting human rights during the COVID-19 pandemic: Canada (also on behalf of Norway and Switzerland), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/379/20) (PC.DEL/390/20 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/392/20), United Kingdom, Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/384/20)
- (g) Threats against journalist Elena Milashina in the Chechen Republic, Russian Federation: Croatia (also on behalf of Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/398/20 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/389/20), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/387/20 OSCE+)

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

Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairmanship-in-Office (CIO.GAL/51/20 OSCE+): Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/51/20 OSCE+): Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 7 May 2020, at 10 a.m., via video teleconference



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Permanent Council

PC.DEC/1367 30 April 2020

Original: ENGLISH

1265th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1265, Agenda item 3

DECISION No. 1367 DATES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides that the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference will take place in Vienna from 23 to 25 June 2020.

PC.DEC/1367 30 April 2020 Attachment

ENGLISH Original: RUSSIAN

INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

"In joining the consensus on the Permanent Council decision on the dates of the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC), we believe that it is essential to implement the provision of the 2002 Ministerial Council decision in Porto (MC(10).DEC/3) that 'delegations of participating States ... be reinforced at senior level from capitals'. In the event that the continuing COVID-19 pandemic makes it impossible to ensure the physical presence and geographically balanced and equal participation of all interested State representatives, we shall consider it necessary to postpone the holding of the ASRC until a later date.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision of the Permanent Council and included in the journal of the day."