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1. Date: Thursday, 3 September 2015

Opened: 10.05 a.m. Suspended: 12.55 p.m. Resumed: 3.15 p.m. Closed: 5.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Žugić

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Andrej Benedejčič, the new Permanent Representative of Portugal to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Maria da Graca Mira Gomes, the new Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Alexander Lukashevich, and the new Permanent Representative of Estonia to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Eve-Külli Kala.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/29/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1127/15/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/1120/15), Turkey (PC.DEL/1158/15 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1143/15 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1123/15 OSCE+), Norway, Albania (PC.DEL/1142/15), Serbia

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT ON THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2004 OSCE ACTION PLAN

FOR THE PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY

Chairperson, Secretary General, Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova, San Marino, and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1121/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1122/15), Russian Federation, Turkey, Switzerland (PC.DEL/1144/15 OSCE+), Norway, Iceland (PC.DEL/1139/15 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1146/15 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/1166/15 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) Ongoing aggression against Ukraine and violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation: Ukraine (PC.DEL/1159/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino, and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1128/15), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1145/15 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1154/15 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1125/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1163/15 OSCE+), Norway
- (b) Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1135/15), Ukraine, United States of America (PC.DEL/1141/15), Luxembourg-European Union
- (c) Abduction and illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation: Ukraine (PC.DEL/1157/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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/1129/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1126/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1162/15 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1150/15 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1137/15)
- (d) Seventieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1136/15), Luxembourg-European Union, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1165/15 OSCE+)

- (e) Sentencing of Estonian police officer Mr. E. Kohver: Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1132/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1124/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1164/15 OSCE+), Norway, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1151/15)
- (f) Release of political prisoners in Belarus: Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1130/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1153/15), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1149/15 OSCE+)
- (g) Sentencing of Ms. K. Ismayilova: Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1131/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1133/15) (PC.DEL/1160/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1161/15 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1147/15 OSCE+), Norway, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1148/15 OSCE+)
- (h) Expulsion of Latvian human rights defenders from Lithuania: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1152/15), Lithuania
- (i) The migration crisis in the OSCE area: Belarus (PC.DEL/1140/15 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (j) The death penalty in the United States of America: Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland), United States of America (PC.DEL/1138/15)

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) OSCE Chairmanship Conference "Working with Youth for Youth: Protection against Radicalization", held in Belgrade on 3 and 4 September 2015: Chairperson
- (b) OSCE Chairmanship Conference "Lessons of the Second World War: Memories and Public Policies", to be held in Belgrade on 8 September 2015: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(a) Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/158/15 OSCE+): Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

- (b) Visit of the Secretary General to Kyrgyzstan on 26 and 27 August 2015: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/158/15 OSCE+)
- (c) Recent developments related to the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles by the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/158/15 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Parliamentary elections in Turkey, to be held on 1 November 2015: Turkey (PC.DEL/1155/15 OSCE+)
- (b) Reform efforts at strengthening democracy, the rule of law and good governance in Ukraine: Ukraine (PC.DEL/1156/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (PC.DEL/1134/15), United States of America, Russian Federation
- (c) Western Balkans Summit, held in Vienna on 27 August 2015: Austria, Montenegro
- (d) Parliamentary elections in Portugal, to be held on 4 October 2015: Portugal (Annex)
- (e) 2015 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on common security in the Mediterranean region challenges and opportunities, to be held in Jordan on 20 and 21 October 2015 (PC.DEL/1119/15 OSCE+): Germany
- (f) Parliamentary elections in Greece, to be held on 20 September 2015: Greece
- (g) Referendum in Bulgaria, to be held on 25 October 2015: Bulgaria
- (h) Organizational matters related to a sporting event to be held on 12 September 2015: Chairperson

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Thursday, 10 September 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF PORTUGAL

Mr. Chairperson,

I wish to inform the Permanent Council that the Parliamentary elections in Portugal will be held on 4 October 2015.

In line with its OSCE commitments, Portugal has invited the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE participating States that wish to do so to observe the election process.

A note verbale in this regard has been distributed on 27 July 2015.

I kindly ask this statement to be attached to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.