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1168th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 14 December 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 3.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja

3. <u>Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

AND CO-ORDINATOR FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING

IN HUMAN BEINGS

Chairperson, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (SEC.GAL/182/17), 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; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1696/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1687/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1682/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1693/17), Turkey, Belarus (PC.DEL/1690/17 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Greece (PC.DEL/1706/17 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1691/17), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1701/17 OSCE+), Armenia, Holy See (PC.DEL/1681/17 OSCE+), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF

THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1283 (PC.DEC/1283) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN BISHKEK

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1284 (PC.DEC/1284) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, 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/1692/17), 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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1698/17/Rev.1), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1689/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1694/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/1708/17 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1709/17 OSCE+)
- (b) Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1688/17), Ukraine, United States of America
- (c) Freedom of expression in the Russian Federation: United States of America (PC.DEL/1704/17), 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 country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1700/17), Russian Federation
- (d) Ban on LGBTI activities in Turkey: Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/1707/17), 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; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1702/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1705/17), Turkey
- (e) Access to justice in Azerbaijan: 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; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as the United States of America, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1699/17), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1703/17/Rev.1 OSCE+), Armenia, Estonia-European Union

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

- (a) Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, held in Vienna on 7 and 8 December 2017: Chairperson
- (b) Forty-second round of the Geneva International Discussions, held on 12 and 13 December 2017: Chairperson
- (c) Open-ended informal reflection process on the participation of civil society in OSCE events: Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Participation of the Secretary General in the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, held in Vienna on 7 and 8 December 2017: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/193/17 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/193/17/Add.1/Rev.1 OSCE+)
- (b) Memorandum of Understanding between the OSCE and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, signed in Vienna on 7 December 2017: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/193/17 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/193/17/Add.1/Rev.1 OSCE+)
- (c) Participation of the Senior Adviser on Gender Issues in a workshop on promoting gender equality held in Podgorica on 11 and 12 December 2017: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/193/17 OSCE+)
 (SEC.GAL/193/17/Add.1/Rev.1 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Human Rights Day, observed on 10 December 2017: 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; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1697/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1695/17), Estonia-European Union
- (b) Advisory referendum on the Intelligence and Security Services Act, to be held in the Netherlands on 21 March 2018: Netherlands (PC.DEL/1679/17 OSCE+)

(c) Presidential election in the Czech Republic, to be held on 12 and 13 January 2018: Czech Republic (PC.DEL/1676/17 Restr.)

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

Monday, 18 December 2017, at 2.30 p.m., in the Neuer Saal



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The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan until 31 December 2018.



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