

**Closing Remarks by the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship 2017
at the 1130th (Special) Permanent Council Meeting
by the Chair of the Permanent Council
Ambassador Clemens Koja**

The Chairmanship continues to work on all outstanding mandate issues and hopes that it will be possible to reach consensus as soon as possible. We note the serious impact on the work of the Office in Yerevan and other field operations of the extended delay in reaching agreement, which threatens to have a wider detrimental impact on the functioning of the Organization. We thank the delegation of Armenia for its very constructive approach and call on all relevant participating States to do likewise in order to reach consensus on the outstanding mandates.

Corr.1*) redistribution due to change of distribution status, text remains unchanged.