



Chairmanship: Austria

1136th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 9 March 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Suspended: 1.10 p.m.

Resumed: 2.50 p.m.

Closed: 4.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja

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

Agenda item 1: PRESENTATIONS BY MS. HANNA HERBST, DEPUTY EDITOR, VICE AUSTRIA, AND MS. TERESA HAVLICEK, ONLINE EDITOR, WIENERIN.AT, ON THE SAFETY OF FEMALE JOURNALISTS ONLINE

Discussion under agenda item 2

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, Ms. T. Havlicek, Ms. H. Herbst, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/2/17/Rev.2), Malta-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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/323/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/325/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/319/17 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/312/17), Turkey, Canada (PC.DEL/338/17 OSCE+), Belarus, Georgia (PC.DEL/309/17 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Armenia (PC.DEL/330/17), Norway (PC.DEL/322/17), Bosnia and Herzegovina (also on behalf of Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and

Serbia (PC.DEL/301/17 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/298/17/Corr.1 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/304/17), Holy See (PC.DEL/299/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE DATES AND VENUE OF THE
2017 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1245 (PC.DEC/1245) on the dates and venue of the 2017 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/305/17), Malta-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 and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/324/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/320/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/327/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/313/17 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/339/17 OSCE+)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/310/17), Ukraine
- (c) *International Women's Day, observed on 8 March 2017:* Chairperson, Canada, Switzerland (PC.DEL/321/17 OSCE+), Slovenia (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/303/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/314/17), Holy See (PC.DEL/302/17 OSCE+), Belarus
- (d) *Rights of refugee children along migration routes to Europe:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/315/17), Malta-European Union
- (e) *Closing of the so-called crossing points in the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia:* Georgia (PC.DEL/311/17 OSCE+), Canada (also on behalf of Norway) (PC.DEL/341/17 OSCE+), Malta-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 Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/326/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/334/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/318/17)

- (f) *Need for substantive negotiations aimed at the settlement of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan*: Chairperson, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/307/17 OSCE+)
- (g) *Political situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*: United States of America (PC.DEL/333/17), Malta-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania 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 Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/328/17/Rev.1), Canada (PC.DEL/340/17 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/317/17), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania
- (h) *Call for the release of Mr. M. Huseynov in Azerbaijan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/332/17), Malta-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 Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/329/17), Azerbaijan
- (i) *Hate crimes in the United States of America*: United States of America (PC.DEL/331/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/316/17), Canada
- (j) *Need to implement the agreements reached at the Vienna and St. Petersburg summits*: Armenia (PC.DEL/336/17 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/308/17 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Visit of the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism to Moldova from 28 February to 3 March 2017*: Chairperson
- (b) *Informal briefing by the Personal Envoy for the Work of the Field Operations in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan*: Chairperson
- (c) *Seventy-fifth meeting of the Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM), held on 2 March 2017*: Chairperson

- (d) *Update on the selection processes for the positions of Secretary General of the OSCE and Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights: Chairperson*
- (e) *Update on the recruitment process for the position of OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media: Chairperson*

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the 13th International DASI Conference, held at the Diplomatic Academy, Vienna, on 3 and 4 March 2017: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/43/17 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Recent events relating to the operations of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/43/17 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Participation of a representative of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) in the international expert panel “Money for Terror and Crime: Rise of Global Illicit Financial Super Networks”, held in Washington, D.C., on 2 March 2017: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/43/17 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Launch of a new OSCE-wide staff performance management process: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/43/17 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Issuance of vacancy notices for Monitoring Officer positions in the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/43/17 OSCE+)*
- (f) *Farewell to the OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, Ms. M. Beham: Director of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/43/17 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Germany, to be held on 24 September 2017: Germany (PC.DEL/306/17 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Release of the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2016 by the United States Department of State: United States of America*
- (c) *Presidential election in Serbia, to be held on 2 April 2017: Serbia*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 16 March 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1245
DATES AND VENUE OF THE 2017 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN
CONFERENCE**

(Palermo, Italy, 23 and 24 October 2017)

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the offer by Italy to host the 2017 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, and further to discussions with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2017 OSCE Mediterranean Conference in Palermo, Italy, on 23 and 24 October 2017.

The agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the Conference will be further elaborated in the framework of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and submitted to the Permanent Council for adoption.