

Chairmanship: Germany

1099th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 5 May 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.30 p.m.
Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
Closed: 3.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl
Ms. S. Stöhr

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.FR/14/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/606/16/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/600/16), Switzerland, Turkey (PC.DEL/619/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/611/16), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/603/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

(a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/616/16), Netherlands-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the

European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/607/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/601/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/617/16 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/625/16 OSCE+), Switzerland

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/613/16), Ukraine
- (c) *World Press Freedom Day, celebrated on 3 May 2016:* Netherlands-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 Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/608/16), Canada (PC.DEL/626/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/602/16), Norway (PC.DEL/627/16), Switzerland, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/620/16), Spain (PC.DEL/624/16 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/610/16 OSCE+), Sweden (also on behalf of Finland) (PC.DEL/631/16 OSCE+), Finland (PC.DEL/630/16 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/629/16 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/604/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/618/16 OSCE+), Uzbekistan
- (d) *Conclusion of the so-called "Agreement on the State Border" by the Russian Federation with the Tskhinvali occupation regime:* Georgia (PC.DEL/614/16 OSCE+), Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland and Liechtenstein) (PC.DEL/628/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/605/16), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey; 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, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/609/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/621/16)
- (e) *Seventy-first anniversary of victory in the Great Patriotic War, to be observed on 9 May 2016:* Russian Federation (also on behalf of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) (PC.DEL/622/16), Belarus (PC.DEL/615/16 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/612/16 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Netherlands-European Union, Ukraine

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Briefing by the Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group, given to the United Nations Security Council on 28 April 2016:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/66/16)

- (b) *Welcoming by the Chairperson-in-Office on 29 April 2016 of the agreement reached by the Trilateral Contact Group on full respect of the ceasefire in eastern Ukraine, commencing with the Easter and May holidays: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/66/16)*
- (c) *Observance of World Press Freedom Day, 3 May 2016, by the Chairperson-in-Office and the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/66/16)*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Minister of Defence of Germany, held in Vienna on 3 May 2016: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Moldova to the OSCE, Ambassador A. Popov: Chairperson, Moldova*
- (b) *Activities of the Informal Working Group Focusing on the Issue of Migration and Refugee Flows: Switzerland*
- (c) *Panel discussion with musical performance on “Enhancing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with a special focus on participation in decision making and access to information”, to be held in Vienna on 10 May 2016 (PC.INF/18/16/Rev.1): Finland*
- (d) *Parliamentary elections in Lithuania, to be held on 9 October 2016: Lithuania*
- (e) *Festival of Joy 2016, to be celebrated with a free concert on Heldenplatz in Vienna on 8 May 2016: Austria*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 12 May 2016, at 9 a.m., in the Neuer Saal