
Chairmanship: Slovakia

1243rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 10 October 2019

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč
Mr. S. Kantor

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE CONFLICT
PREVENTION CENTRE

Chairperson, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/161/19/Corr.1 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1106/19 OSCE+), Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; 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, Monaco and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1113/19), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1125/19 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1122/19 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1127/19 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1120/19/Corr.1), Norway (PC.DEL/1131/19), Belarus (PC.DEL/1110/19 OSCE+), Albania, Georgia (PC.DEL/1121/19 OSCE+), Armenia

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

(a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1107/19 OSCE+), Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and

Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1114/19), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1124/19 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1123/19 OSCE+), United States of America, Canada (PC.DEL/1119/19 OSCE+)

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation, Ukraine
- (c) *European and World Day Against the Death Penalty, observed on 10 October:* Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Australia (Partner for Co-operation), Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1115/19), Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/1132/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1108/19), Spain (Annex), United States of America (PC.DEL/1118/19), Belarus (PC.DEL/1111/19 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Negotiations on the Transdniestrian settlement process in the “5+2” format being held in Bratislava on 9 and 10 October 2019:* Chairperson
- (b) *Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, to be held in Bratislava on 5 and 6 December 2019:* Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/170/19 OSCE+):* Acting Director of the Department of Management and Finance
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in a meeting of the OSCE Group of Friends of Youth and Security, held on 4 October 2019:* Acting Director of the Department of Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/170/19 OSCE+)
- (c) *Participation of the Secretary General in the OSCE high-level regional conference on “The Role of Digital Technologies in Reducing Corruption Risks”, held in Almaty on 7 and 8 October 2019:* Acting Director of the Department of Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/170/19 OSCE+)
- (d) *Participation of the Secretary General in the conference “The Brain Drain: International Migration of Skilled Human Capital from CEE and SEE to Western Europe”, held in Vienna on 7 October 2019:* Acting Director of the Department of Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/170/19 OSCE+)
- (e) *Fourth OSCE Mediation Course, being held in Frauenkirchen, Austria, from 6 to 11 October 2019:* Acting Director of the Department of Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/170/19 OSCE+)

- (f) *Informal meetings with the heads of OSCE field operations, to be held in Vienna from 18 to 28 October 2019:* Acting Director of the Department of Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/170/19 OSCE+)
- (g) *Presentation, held in Tirana on 8 October 2019, of the results of the OSCE-led Survey on the Well-being and Safety of Women conducted in Albania:* Acting Director of the Department of Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/170/19 OSCE+)
- (h) *Call for nominations for seconded positions as Evaluation Officers at the Office of Internal Oversight:* Acting Director of the Department of Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/170/19 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Russian Energy Week 2019, held in Moscow from 2 to 5 October 2019:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1109/19)
- (b) *Presidential election in Romania, to be held on 10 November 2019:* Romania

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 17 October 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

On 10 October, we celebrate World Day Against the Death Penalty and, since 2007, European Day Against the Death Penalty. On the occasion of the 17th World Day Against the Death Penalty, the Government of Spain reiterates its opposition to capital punishment.

Mr. Chairperson,

Spain aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union on the World Day Against the Death Penalty. At the same time, we should like to make the following statement.

A global trend towards the abolition of the death penalty has been observed for decades. At present, more than two thirds of countries do not apply the death penalty.

The fight against the death penalty will continue to be a priority of Spanish foreign policy, together with the other countries of the European Union and the 22 countries that make up the Support Group of the International Commission against the Death Penalty. The Spanish Government will continue to urge the governments of the retentionist States to restrict the cases in which the death penalty is applied and impose moratoriums with a view to its definitive abolition. Likewise, it will urge those countries that have introduced draft laws reinstating the death penalty to withdraw them and maintain abolition, thus respecting the absolute human right to life.

Spain participated in the seventh World Congress Against the Death Penalty, which took place in Brussels in February this year. In December 2018, 121 United Nations Member States voted in favour of the General Assembly resolution on a moratorium. The Spanish Government will continue to promote abolition in multilateral forums, particularly as a current member of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Spain will continue to support the International Commission against the Death Penalty, based in Madrid and founded in 2010 on the initiative of the Spanish Government, and also multilateral and civil society initiatives towards universal abolition.

This delegation requests that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.