
Chairmanship: Germany**1089th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 11 February 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.
Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
Closed: 5.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF AZERBAIJAN, H.E. ARAZ AZIMOV

Chairperson, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, Netherlands-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; and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/143/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/155/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/161/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/177/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/144/16), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/172/16 OSCE+), France (also on behalf of the Russian Federation and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/145/16/Rev.1), Georgia (PC.DEL/167/16 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/174/16), Turkmenistan, Moldova, Armenia, Ukraine, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/171/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SECURITY COMMITTEE, THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, AND THE HUMAN DIMENSION COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Security Committee (PC.DEL/151/16 OSCE+), Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Committee

(PC.DEL/173/16 OSCE+), Chairperson of the Human Dimension Committee (PC.DEL/166/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/146/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/147/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/160/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/170/16 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/156/16 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Ukraine (PC.DEL/152/16 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/153/16 OSCE+), Azerbaijan, Holy See (PC.DEL/148/16 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/175/16)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Ongoing aggression against Ukraine and violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/154/16), 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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/149/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/158/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/169/16 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/162/16 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/165/16 OSCE+)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/159/16), Ukraine
- (c) *Freedom of expression in the OSCE area:* United States of America (PC.DEL/150/16), Belarus, Kazakhstan
- (d) *The death penalty in the United States of America:* Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, San Marino and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/176/16), United States of America
- (e) *Reports of threats against members of the political opposition by the Head of the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation:* Switzerland (PC.DEL/157/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/163/16), Ukraine

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Condemnation of the launch of a ballistic missile by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 7 February 2016 (CIO.GAL/17/16):* Chairperson

- (b) *Participation of the Head of the Task Force for the 2016 OSCE Chairmanship in the strategic retreat of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, held in Kyiv on 5 February 2016 (CIO.GAL/17/16):* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/20/16 OSCE+):* Head of Conference Services
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, held on 10 February 2016:* Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/20/16 OSCE+)
- (c) *Telephone conversation between the Secretary General and the Director of Europol on 4 February 2016:* Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/20/16 OSCE+)
- (d) *Visit of the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre to Kyrgyzstan on 9 and 10 February 2016:* Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/20/16 OSCE+)
- (e) *Strategic retreat of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, held in Kyiv on 5 February 2016:* Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/20/16 OSCE+)
- (f) *Visit of the Director of the Transnational Threats Department to the General Secretariat of INTERPOL on 3 February 2016:* Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/20/16 OSCE+)
- (g) *Visit of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings to the United States of America, being conducted from 31 January to 13 February 2016:* Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/20/16 OSCE+)
- (h) *Participation of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in the special High-Level Event “In stronger partnership and coordination to stop human trafficking: Eradicating modern-day slavery through sustainable development” held in New York on 9 February 2016:* Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/20/16 OSCE+)
- (i) *Issuance of vacancy notices for positions in the OSCE Secretariat and in the OSCE Observer Mission to the two Russian checkpoints of Gukovo and Donetsk:* Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/20/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OSCE, Ambassador T. İldem:* Chairperson, Turkey
- (b) *Launch of a ballistic missile in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea on 7 February 2016:* Republic of Korea (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/164/16 OSCE+), Japan (Partner for Co-operation)

- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Ireland, to be held on 26 February 2016: Ireland*
- (d) *Defender of Democracy Award, to be presented in Vienna on 24 February 2016: Sweden*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 18 February 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal