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1. Date: Thursday, 25 May 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m. Suspended: 12.55 p.m. Resumed: 3.15 p.m. Closed: 3.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja

Mr. K. Iro

Ambassador K. Kögeler

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Battungalag Gankhuurai.

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, offered condolences to the United Kingdom in connection with the terrorist attack in Manchester on 22 May 2017. The United Kingdom (PC.DEL/701/17/OSCE+) thanked the Chairperson and delegations for their expressions of sympathy.

3. <u>Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME

OFFICE IN BISHKEK AND BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE

OSCE ACADEMY IN BISHKEK

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek (PC.FR/12/17/Rev.1 OSCE+), Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Malta-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 Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/696/17/Corr.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/680/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/689/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/700/17 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/692/17 OSCE+),

Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/686/17 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/702/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN TAJIKISTAN

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan (PC.FR/13/17 OSCE+), Malta-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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/697/17/Corr.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/682/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/690/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/699/17 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/693/17 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/695/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea: Ukraine (PC.DEL/687/17), 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/698/17/Corr.1), Switzerland (PC.DEL/694/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/688/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/683/17), Canada
- (b) Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/691/17), Ukraine
- (c) Statelessness in Europe: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/684/17), Malta-European Union (PC.DEL/685/17), Ukraine
- (d) Request to make public the March 1999 report on Račak by Dr. Helena Ranta: Serbia (Annex), Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

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

(a) Participation of the Chairperson-in-Office to the Counter-Terrorism Conference, held on 23 and 24 May 2017: Chairperson

- (b) Visit of the Deputy Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria, H.E. Mr. M. Linhart, to the OSCE Mission to Serbia on 22 May, and in Kosovo, on 24 May 2017: Chairperson
- (c) Country visits of the Personal Representative of the OSCE
 Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and
 Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against
 Christians and Members of Other Religions, Mr. I. Gabriel, Personal
 Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance
 and Discrimination against Muslims, Mr. B. Şenay, and Personal
 Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating
 Anti-Semitism, Rabbi A. Baker, to Bosnia and Herzegovina and to Germany:
 Chairperson
- (d) Lack of consensus in the Preparatory Committee on the draft decisions on OSCE human dimension events to be held in 2017: Chairperson
- (e) Briefings by the officers-in-charge of the Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities and the Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media: Chairperson
- (f) Update on the selection process for the position of OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media: Chairperson
- (g) 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
- (h) Extension of the deadline for the nomination of candidates for the Panel of Adjudicators: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Investigation into the tragic incident of 23 April 2017 involving a patrol of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) OSCE Security Days event on "Countering Fragmentation and Polarization: Re-creating a Climate for Stability in Europe", held in Prague on 18 and 19 May 2017: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Meeting with the Political and Security Committee of the European Union on 22 May 2017*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Municipal elections in Georgia, to be held in autumn 2017: Georgia

- (b) High-level panel discussion on "Beyond Emergency: Improving the International Response to Large Movements of People", to be held in Vienna on 9 June 2017 (CIO.GAL/88/17): Belarus
- (c) Ambassadorial trip to Ukraine, to be held from 28 to 31 May 2017: France

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Thursday, 1 June 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SERBIA

Mr. Chairperson,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, I would like to respectfully request the Secretariat of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe to make public the report on Račak from March 1999 prepared by the Finnish forensic team lead by Dr. Helena Ranta, which was submitted to the then Norwegian OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office.

I would also request that this document be promptly circulated among the OSCE participating States.

I thank you for your attention and kindly ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.