
Chairmanship: Austria

1139th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 30 March 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/7/17 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; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/437/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/433/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/425/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/418/17 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/427/17), Ukraine (PC.DEL/421/17), Moldova

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

(a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/424/17), 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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/438/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/432/17), Switzerland

(PC.DEL/426/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/419/17 OSCE+), Canada, France (also on behalf of Germany) (PC.DEL/417/17 OSCE+)

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/428/17), Ukraine
- (c) *Restrictions on the freedoms of expression, association and assembly in Belarus:* 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 countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/439/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/431/17), Belarus
- (d) *Restrictions on the freedoms of expression, association and assembly in the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/435/17), 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 Canada, Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/440/17), Ukraine (PC.DEL/423/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/436/17), France
- (e) *Ban on Jehovah's Witnesses in the Russian Federation:* 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 Canada and Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/441/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/434/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/430/17), Ukraine
- (f) *Challenges to the Minsk Process owing to the provocative actions of Armenia:* Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/420/17 OSCE+), Armenia, Turkey

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

- (a) *Visit of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process to Moldova on 24 March 2017:* Chairperson
- (b) *Thirty-ninth round of the Geneva International Discussions, held on 28 and 29 March 2017:* Chairperson
- (c) *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

- (d) *Meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Structured Dialogue, to be held on 7 April 2017: Chairperson*
- (e) *Deadline for applications for a vacancy in the Audit Committee (CIO.GAL/19/17), 31 March 2017: Chairperson*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/56/17/Corr.1 OSCE+): Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (b) *Operations of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine in Donetsk: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/56/17/Corr.1 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Participation of the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre in a panel discussion to mark the 25th anniversary of Slovenia's accession to the OSCE, held in Ljubljana on 23 March 2017: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/56/17/Corr.1 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Participation of the Director of the Office of the Secretary General in the Parliamentary Conference on Combating International Terrorism, held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, on 28 March 2017: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/56/17/Corr.1 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Meetings on Syria, held in Astana on 23 and 24 January, 14 and 15 February and 14 and 15 March 2017 respectively: Kazakhstan, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/429/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/443/17 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Introduction of a visa-free travel regime to the Schengen zone for persons holding Georgian citizenship: Georgia (PC.DEL/442/17 OSCE+), Malta-European Union*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 5 April 2017, at 3.30 p.m., in the Neuer Saal