

Chairmanship: Germany

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1125th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Tuesday, 20 December 2016

Opened: 5.05 p.m.

Closed: 5.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl

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

Agenda item 1: **DECLARATION ON THE DEADLY TERRORIST ATTACK
AGAINST THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY**

Chairperson

Document adopted: The Permanent Council adopted the Declaration on the Deadly Terrorist Attack against the Russian Ambassador to Turkey (PC.DOC/1/16), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation, Turkey

Prior to taking up agenda item 2, Austria, on behalf of all participating States, offered condolences to Germany in connection with the attack that occurred at a Christmas market in Berlin on 19 December 2016.

Agenda item 2: **REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES**

Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea: Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1753/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1754/16), Slovakia-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1755/16), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1756/16)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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**DECLARATION ON THE
DEADLY TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST
THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY**

We, the members of the Permanent Council,

Recalling the recent adoption of the Ministerial Council Declaration on Strengthening OSCE Efforts to Prevent and Counter Terrorism (MC.DOC/1/16 of 9 December 2016), condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Ankara, Turkey, on 19 December, which resulted in the assassination of the Ambassador of the Russian Federation, H.E. Andrey Karlov.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and the people and the government of the Russian Federation.

We reaffirm that terrorism in all forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

We reaffirm that those who participate in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing, or perpetrating terrorist acts must be held accountable and brought to justice on the basis of the principle extradite or prosecute, in compliance with the relevant obligations under international law, as well as applicable domestic legislation and we take note of the immediately declared intention of the Turkish government to act accordingly.

We emphasize the fundamental principle of the inviolability of diplomatic and consular staff and the obligations, including those in the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, to take all appropriate steps to prevent any attack on diplomatic and consular staff.

We stand united in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism, while underlining that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality or civilization.