

Chairmanship: Slovakia

1237th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 25 July 2019

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč
Ambassador K. Žáková

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE DATES AND VENUE OF THE
2019 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1337 (PC.DEC/1337) on the dates and venue of the 2019 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND
ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2019 OSCE
MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1338 (PC.DEC/1338) on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2019 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

(a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/973/19), Finland-European Union (with the

candidate countries Albania and North Macedonia; 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/977/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/969/19), Turkey (PC.DEL/974/19 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/970/19 OSCE+), Canada

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/965/19), United States of America

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

- (a) *High-level Slovak OSCE Chairmanship conference on security sector governance and reform, to be held in Bratislava on 9 and 10 September 2019:* Chairperson
- (b) *Concluding meeting of the 27th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, to be held in Prague from 11 to 13 September 2019:* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/138/19 OSCE+)
- (b) *Request for follow-up on the reclassification of all D2-level Director posts to the D1 level, in accordance with the 12th Annual Report of the Audit Committee, covering the period July 2016–June 2017 (CIO.GAL/104/17), and with the recommendations on efficiencies contained in Permanent Council Decision No. 1216 (PC.DEC/1216/Corr.1):* Canada, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, Russian Federation

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary election in Ukraine held on 21 July 2019:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/972/19), Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/978/19), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/967/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/968/19), Hungary (PC.DEL/966/19 OSCE+)
- (b) *Lack of consensus on draft decisions concerning organizational matters related to the 2019 OSCE Asian Conference:* Italy, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Turkey
- (c) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, Ambassador C. Wild:* Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Switzerland

- (d) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the OSCE, Ambassador A. Benedejčič: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Slovenia (PC.DEL/971/19)*
- (e) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the OSCE, Ambassador E.-K. Kala: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Estonia*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 5 September 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1337
DATES AND VENUE OF THE 2019 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN
CONFERENCE**

(Tirana, Albania, 24 and 25 October 2019)

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the decision of Albania to host the 2019 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, and further to discussions with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2019 OSCE Mediterranean Conference in Tirana, Albania, on 24 and 25 October 2019.

The agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the Conference will be further elaborated in the framework of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and submitted to the Permanent Council for adoption.



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DECISION No. 1338
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE 2019 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

(Tirana, Albania, 24 and 25 October 2019)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 1337 of 25 July 2019 on the dates and venue of the 2019 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, to be held in Tirana, Albania on 24 and 25 October 2019,

Decides to hold the 2019 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on the subject “The 25th anniversary of the Mediterranean Contact Group: achievements, challenges and future opportunities for the Partnership”,

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference, as contained in the annex.

**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE 2019 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON THE
25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CONTACT
GROUP: ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND FUTURE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARTNERSHIP**

Tirana, Albania, 24 and 25 October 2019

I. Indicative agenda

Introduction

The OSCE foreign ministers reaffirmed in Milan the relevance and value of the OSCE Mediterranean Partnership. They declared that the link between security in the OSCE area and the Mediterranean region has become all the more relevant since the 2014 Basel Ministerial Meeting, as has the co-operation between the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners, especially in light of the growing range of challenges and opportunities stemming from the Mediterranean region and beyond.

The foreign ministers also called for greater engagement in advancing a common approach in tackling challenges, many of which transnational and cross-dimensional in nature, and in seizing emerging opportunities, in a spirit of genuine partnership, co-operation, and ownership.

Against this background, the 2019 Mediterranean Conference will look into ways to further our common security in the Mediterranean through dialogue and co-operation on issues of mutual interest and concern. In this context, the event will take a cross-dimensional approach, consistent with the OSCE's comprehensive security concept, focusing on topics included in the Milan Ministerial Council Declaration on Security and Co-operation in the Mediterranean (MC.DOC/4/18) and that reflect the priorities identified for the work of the Mediterranean Contact Group under the 2019 Albanian Chairmanship.

The event shall consist of a high-level political session, allowing for a broader, political discussion, and three subsequent working sessions, where the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners can discuss opportunities for co-operation and exchange experiences and good practices on how to address common challenges.

The Conference will provide a platform to discuss ways to transform the current level of engagement with the Mediterranean Partners into enhanced action-oriented dialogue and to ensure the continuity and sustainability of the Partnership's achievements, as called for by the Milan Declaration.

Thursday, 24 October 2019

8.30–9 a.m.	Registration of participants
9–9.30 a.m.	Opening remarks
9.30–10 a.m.	Coffee break
10 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Political segment: The 25th anniversary of the Mediterranean Contact Group: achievements, challenges and future opportunities for the Partnership
12.45 p.m.	Photo opportunity
1.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch hosted by the OSCE
2.30–4 p.m.	Session I: Joint efforts in countering terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization that leads to terrorism – good practices, challenges and the way forward
4–4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30–6 p.m.	Session II: Promoting youth participation and engagement to enhance dialogue and co-operation in the Mediterranean
7.30–9.30 p.m.	Official dinner hosted by Albania

Friday, 25 October 2019

10 a.m.–12 noon	Session III: Building bridges between the two shores of the Mediterranean – the role of connectivity, digitalization, sustainable development and economic growth in advancing common security in the Mediterranean
12–12.30 p.m.	Concluding remarks
12.30–2 p.m.	Closing lunch hosted by Albania

II. Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Conference. The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference. The following international organizations and

institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Adriatic Ionian Initiative, African Development Bank, African Union, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, Eurasian Economic Union, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, European Union, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, Financial Action Task Force, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Labour Organisation, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, Inter-parliamentary Union, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, Middle East and North Africa Region Financial Action Task Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Union for the Mediterranean, UN Habitat, United Nations, UN Al-Qaida Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Cities and Local Governments, UNICEF, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UN Women, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the World Bank.

Additional organizations may be invited by the host country to observe the Conference.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

Other countries may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the Conference.

III. Organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9 a.m. on the first day and end at 2 p.m. on the second day.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chairperson. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.

Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.

The 2019 OSCE Mediterranean Conference will be held in English and French. This arrangement will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken into account.