
Chairmanship: Albania**1273rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 2 July 2020 (in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconferencing)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 6.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Hasani
Ms. E. Dobrushki

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson reminded the Permanent Council of the technical modalities for the conduct of meetings of the Council during the COVID-19 pandemic (SEC.GAL/45/20 OSCE+) (CIO.GAL/73/20/Rev.1 OSCE+).

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/4/20/Rev.1), Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; and the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/868/20), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/811/20), Canada (PC.DEL/822/20 OSCE+), Turkey, United States of America (PC.DEL/813/20), Switzerland (PC.DEL/859/20 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/818/20), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/844/20 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/819/20 OSCE+) (PC.DEL/820/20/Rev.1 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/827/20 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/812/20), Montenegro (PC.DEL/857/20 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/847/20), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/853/20 OSCE+), Cyprus (PC.DEL/835/20 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Armenia (PC.DEL/828/20) (PC.DEL/841/20), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/864/20 OSCE+), Slovakia, Uzbekistan, Serbia (PC.DEL/852/20 OSCE+), Italy (PC.DEL/814/20 OSCE+), Ireland, Sweden, Lithuania (also on

behalf of Austria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/817/20 OSCE+), Romania, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/865/20 OSCE+), Spain, France (PC.DEL/821/20 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/848/20), Switzerland (PC.DEL/843/20 OSCE+), Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; 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, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment in alignment) (PC.DEL/869/20), Canada (PC.DEL/823/20 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/846 /20 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/824/20), United Kingdom
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/831/20), Germany (PC.DEL/849/20 OSCE+), Ukraine, Canada (PC.DEL/825/20 OSCE+), United Kingdom
- (c) *International Day in Support of Victims of Torture*: Denmark (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/842/20), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/832/20)
- (d) *Neo-Nazism in the Czech Republic*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/840/20), Czech Republic
- (e) *The death penalty in the United States of America*: Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; 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 Andorra, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/870/20), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/833/20), United States of America (PC.DEL/826/20)
- (f) *Recent developments in Belarus in the context of the upcoming presidential elections*: Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; 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 Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/871/20), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/854/20 OSCE+), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/829/20), Belarus (PC.DEL/830/20 OSCE+)

- (g) *Trial of journalist Ms. Svetlana Prokopyeva in the Russian Federation:* Germany-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/872/20), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/855/20 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/839/20 OSCE+)
- (h) *Constitutional plebiscite in the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/837/20), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/845/20)

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

Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairmanship-in-Office (CIO.GAL/109/20/Corr.1 OSCE+): Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Opening remarks by the Secretary General at the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference on 23 June 2020:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/20 OSCE+)
- (b) *Tenth Inter-Agency Consultative Group Meeting on the Follow-up and Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), held in New York on 23 June 2020:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/20 OSCE+)
- (c) *Online side event on “Over the Horizon Scanning: Strategic Foresight and its Relevance for the OSCE”, held on the margins of the 2020 Annual Security Review Conference on 24 June 2020:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/20 OSCE+)
- (d) *Participation of the Secretary General in the online launch of the OSCE paper entitled “Leveraging innovation to fight trafficking in human beings: A comprehensive analysis of technology tools”, held on 24 June 2020:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/20 OSCE+)
- (e) *Regional meeting of heads of OSCE field operations in Central Asia, held on 26 June 2020:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/20 OSCE+)
- (f) *Webinar on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on labour migration, held on 26 June 2020:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/20 OSCE+)

- (g) *Webinar on “Young women’s contributions to peace and security: new opportunities to strengthen comprehensive security”, held on 30 June 2020: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/20 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Montenegro, to be held on 30 August 2020: Montenegro*
- (b) *Release of the 2020 Trafficking in Persons Report by the United States Department of State: United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/838/20)*
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Mongolia, held on 24 June 2020: Mongolia (PC.DEL/834/20 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Joint proposal for a draft declaration on solidarity and co-operation in the face of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic (PC.DEL/810/20 OSCE+): Russian Federation (PC.DEL/836/20), Kazakhstan, Belarus*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 9 July 2020, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal and via video teleconference