

Chairmanship: Austria

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1153rd Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Wednesday, 12 July 2017

Opened: 3 p.m.

Closed: 3.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT
THE OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL
MINORITIES

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1258 (PC.DEC/1258) on the recommendation to appoint the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT
THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE
MEDIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1259 (PC.DEC/1259) on the recommendation to appoint the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE
 APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE
 FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN
 RIGHTS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1260 (PC.DEC/1260) on the recommendation on the appointment of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT
 THE OSCE SECRETARY GENERAL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1261 (PC.DEC/1261) on the recommendation to appoint the OSCE Secretary General, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 13 July 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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PC Journal No. 1153, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 1258
RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT THE OSCE HIGH
COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES**

The Permanent Council,

Considering that according to Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/13 of 17 July 2013 the term of office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Ms. Astrid Thors, came to an end on 19 August 2016,

Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the appointment of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (MC.DD/1/17/Rev.5 of 12 July 2017);

Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of this decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 18 July 2017, at 12 noon CET.



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PC Journal No. 1153, Agenda item 2

**DECISION No. 1259
RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE
ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA**

The Permanent Council,

Considering that, according to Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/16 of 23 March 2016, the term of office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media, Ms. Dunja Mijatović, expired on 10 March 2017,

Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the appointment of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (MC.DD/2/17/Rev.5 of 12 July 2017);

Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of this decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 18 July 2017, at 12 noon CET.



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**DECISION No. 1260
RECOMMENDATION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS
AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Permanent Council,

Considering that, according to Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/14, the term of office of the current Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Mr. Michael Georg Link, expired on 30 June 2017,

Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the appointment of the Director of the ODIHR as contained in document MC.DD/4/17/Rev.5 of 12 July 2017;

Recommends that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 18 July 2017, at 12 noon CET.



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PC Journal No. 1153, Agenda item 4

**DECISION No. 1261
RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT THE
OSCE SECRETARY GENERAL**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the decision of the Third Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council in Stockholm in 1992 to establish the post of Secretary General, Ministerial Council Decision No. 15/04 of 7 December 2004 on the role of the OSCE Secretary General, Ministerial Council Decision No. 18/06 on further strengthening the effectiveness of OSCE executive structures and Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/08 of 22 October 2008 on the periods of service of the OSCE Secretary General,

Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the appointment of the OSCE Secretary General as contained in document MC.DD/3/17/Rev.5 of 12 July 2017;

Recommends that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 18 July 2017, at 12 noon CET.