

Chairmanship: Austria**1138th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 23 March 2017

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, offered condolences to the United Kingdom in connection with the attack in London on 22 March 2017 and offered condolences to the families of the victims. The United Kingdom thanked the Chairperson for his expression of sympathy and solidarity.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Bakyt Djusupov.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEAN AND EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY (IACA),
MR. MARTIN KREUTNER

Chairperson, Dean and Executive Secretary of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), Malta-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/393/17), United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/401/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/400/17 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/403/17 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/397/17), 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 country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/394/17), United States of America, Switzerland (PC.DEL/406/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/405/17 OSCE+), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/402/17), Ukraine
- (c) *So-called parliamentary elections in the occupied Abkhazia region of Georgia*: Georgia (PC.DEL/404/17 OSCE+), Malta-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/395/17), United States of America, Norway (also on behalf of Canada) (PC.DEL/396/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/408/17), Ukraine (PC.DEL/399/17)
- (d) *Eighteenth anniversary of the violations of international law and of the Helsinki Final Act in the former Yugoslavia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/407/17), United States of America, Serbia

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

- (a) *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transnistrian Settlement Process to Moldova from 22 to 24 March 2017*: Chairperson
- (b) *Participation of the Special Representative for the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship 2017 in the European Parliament conference "Strengthening regional human rights defenders' networks in the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Turkey" on 20 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) *Update on the recruitment process for the position of OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*: Chairperson

- (e) *Ambassadorial trip to Ukraine*: Chairperson

Agenda item 4: 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/51/17 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Announcement of the distribution of the OSCE Secretariat Visibility Report for the period January–February 2017: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/51/17 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the OSCE, Ambassador H. Wurth: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Chairperson, Luxembourg*
- (b) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE, Ambassador V. Žugić: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Chairperson, Serbia*
- (c) *Invitation to the briefing “Transforming the country: Ukraine on the path of reforms”, to be held on 24 March 2017 (PC.GAL/43/17 OSCE+): Ukraine (PC.DEL/398/17)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 30 March 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal