
Chairmanship: Italy**1189th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 14 June 2018

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Suspended: 4.15 p.m.
Resumed: 5.05 p.m.
Suspended: 5.40 p.m.
Resumed: 6.40 p.m.
Closed: 6.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Azzoni
Ambassador M. Clemente

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF
MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF CROATIA,
H.E. MARIJA PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ

Chairperson, Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (Croatia), Bulgaria-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 countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/735/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/745/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/751/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/749/18 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, United States of America (PC.DEL/728/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/733/18), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Albania (PC.DEL/743/18 OSCE+), Armenia

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN
 ASHGABAT

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat (PC.FR/17/18 OSCE+), Bulgaria-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 countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/736/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/729/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/753/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/732/18 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/755/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/730/18), Belarus (PC.DEL/752/18 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Kyrgyzstan, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Tajikistan, Turkmenistan

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE 2018 HUMAN
 DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING AND THE
 TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE 2018 HUMAN
 DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1295 (PC.DEC/1295) on the dates of the 2018 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the topics for the second part of the 2018 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN
 DIMENSION SEMINAR IN WARSAW

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1296 (PC.DEC/1296) on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Ukraine (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL
 MODALITIES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL SECURITY
 REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1297 (PC.DEC/1297) on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2018 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson, Germany (also on behalf of France) (PC.DEL/748/18 Restr.)

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and the illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/734/18), Bulgaria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/737/18), Switzerland, Turkey (PC.DEL/741/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/731/18), Canada (PC.DEL/750/18 OSCE+)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/756/18), Ukraine
- (c) *The death penalty in Belarus and in the United States of America:* Norway (also on behalf of Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, San Marino and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/747/18), Bulgaria-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/739/18), United States of America, Belarus (PC.DEL/754/18 OSCE+)
- (d) *Detention of Mr. O. Titiev, head of the Memorial Human Rights Centre, in the Russian Federation:* Bulgaria-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 countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Canada, Georgia, Ukraine and the United States of America, in alignment) (PC.DEL/738/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/746/18 OSCE+)
- (e) *"5+2" talks as part of the Transnistrian settlement process, held in Rome on 29 and 30 May 2018:* Bulgaria-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 countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/740/18), United States of America, Russian Federation, Moldova (PC.DEL/744/18 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

Call for nominations for the positions of Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe (SEC.VN/197/18), OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine (SEC.VN/203/18/Rev.1), and Deputy Chief Monitor within the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SEC.VN/244/18): Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/104/18 OSCE+):* Director for Management and Finance
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in the UN High-Level Interactive Dialogue with Heads of Regional and Other Organizations, held in New York on 12 and 13 June 2018:* Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/104/18 OSCE+)
- (c) *Visit of the Secretary General to Uzbekistan on 11 June 2018:* Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/104/18 OSCE+)
- (d) *Participation of the Director of the Office of the Secretary General in the annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Central European Initiative (CEI), held in Split, Croatia on 11 June 2018:* Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/104/18 OSCE+)
- (e) *Participation of the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre in the closing ceremony of the extrabudgetary project on the removal of large stockpiles of highly toxic rocket fuel components, held in Minsk on 11 June 2018:* Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/104/18 OSCE+)
- (f) *Participation of the Deputy Co-ordinator of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) in conferences and meetings on environmental issues, held in Tashkent from 5 to 8 June 2018:* Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/104/18 OSCE+)
- (g) *OSCE Security Days event on military incidents in the air and at sea, to be held on 18 September 2018:* Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/104/18 OSCE+)
- (h) *Call for nominations for the position of Deputy Chief Monitor within the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SEC.VN/244/18):* Director for Management and Finance
- (i) *Planned visits and meetings of the Secretary General:* Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/104/18 OSCE+)

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the OSCE, Ambassador D. M. J. Kopmels: Chairperson, Netherlands*
- (b) *General elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to be held on 7 October 2018: Bosnia and Herzegovina*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 21 June 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

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14 June 2018

Original: ENGLISH

1189th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1189, Agenda item 3

**DECISION No. 1295
DATES OF THE 2018 HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING AND THE TOPICS FOR THE
SECOND PART OF THE 2018 HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Decides:

1. That the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 10 to 21 September 2018;
2. To select the following topics for the second part of the 2018 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: “Freedom of the Media”; “Rights of Migrants”; “Combating Racism, Xenophobia, Intolerance and Discrimination”.

PC.DEC/1295
14 June 2018
Attachment 1

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“In joining the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the dates, venue and topics of the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM), the Russian Federation continues to take the position that the topics and organizational modalities of OSCE human dimension events, including the HDIM, the seminar and the three supplementary meetings, are to be considered as a package.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of the day.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Turkey:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the dates of the 2018 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the topics for the second part of the 2018 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the Republic of Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Turkey attaches utmost importance to the work of the human dimension which constitutes an indispensable component of the comprehensive security concept of the OSCE. The participation of representatives of civil society enriches OSCE human dimension meetings. Turkey values their work and contribution to the advancement of the OSCE commitments.

Turkey has made its concerns with the participation of terror affiliates in OSCE human dimension meetings abundantly clear. Turkey has expressed its expectations on this matter on numerous occasions, including in the opening session of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, several meetings of the Permanent Council and in the 2017 Vienna Ministerial Council.

The OSCE, as a security organization intended to serve and advance the security of its participating States, including Turkey, must not offer a platform to the extensions of terrorist organizations posing an existential security threat against Turkey.

The clear rules in paragraph 16, Chapter IV, 1992 Helsinki Document and Permanent Council Decision No. 476 (2002), annex 3, paragraph 3 must be implemented.

While welcoming the recent efforts for resolving the problem, Turkey believes that the work in this direction needs to be collectively augmented as early as possible.

It is with this understanding that Turkey joins consensus on this decision. However, as long as our legitimate concerns are not addressed in a timely and satisfactory manner, Turkey reserves its right to object the other decision regarding the agenda of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting subject to the approval of the Permanent Council.

Mr. Chairperson, we ask that this statement be attached to the decision we have just adopted and also included in the journal of the day.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

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14 June 2018

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1189th Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1189, Agenda item 4

DECISION No. 1296
TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR
IN WARSAW

The Permanent Council,

Decides that the Human Dimension Seminar will take place in Warsaw from 5 to 7 November 2018 and will be devoted to the topic “The Importance of the Impact of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the OSCE Human Dimension, and the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”;

Tasks the ODIHR with elaborating the agenda and modalities of the Seminar.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Turkey:

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The clear rules in paragraph 16, Chapter IV, 1992 Helsinki Document and Permanent Council Decision No. 476 (2002), annex 3, paragraph 3 must be implemented.

While welcoming the recent efforts for resolving the problem, Turkey believes that the work in this direction needs to be collectively augmented as early as possible.

It is with this understanding that Turkey joins consensus on this decision. However, as long as our legitimate concerns are not addressed in a timely and satisfactory manner, Turkey reserves its right to object the other decision regarding the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the Human Dimension Seminar subject to the approval of the Permanent Council.

Mr. Chairperson, we ask that this statement be attached to the decision we have just adopted and also included in the journal of the day.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The delegation of Ukraine joined consensus on this decision in a spirit of compromise to enable preparation for the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting whose conduct was unreasonably conditioned by one delegation on adoption of this decision.

While highlighting the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the OSCE human dimension, the topic of this year’s Human Dimension Seminar includes reference to the anniversary of one document which is not part of the OSCE normative base agreed by the participating States in respective OSCE documents. In this regards the delegation of Ukraine proceeds from the understanding that this year’s Human Dimension Seminar will also allow to address other universal human rights instruments which have an anniversary of their adoption this year or have a significant bearing on the protection and promotion of human rights in the OSCE space.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to this decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

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DECISION No. 1297
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2018
ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on the Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account its Decision No. 1290 on the dates of the 2018 Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides to organize the 2018 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2018 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 26–28 June 2018

Dialogue, ownership, responsibility to foster security in the OSCE area

Agenda

Tuesday, 26 June 2018

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| 9.30–10.30 a.m. | Opening session |
| 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. | Special session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in the light of developments with respect to Ukraine |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 2.30–4.30 p.m. | Working session I: Conflict and crisis situations in the OSCE area: building security and confidence |
| 6 p.m. | Reception |

Wednesday, 27 June 2018

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| 10 a.m.–12 noon | Special session: The Structured Dialogue |
| 12 noon | Lunch break |
| 2–3.30 p.m. | Working session II: Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation: lessons learned and the way ahead |
| 3.30–5 p.m. | Working session III: Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: challenges and opportunities |

Thursday, 28 June 2018

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| 10 a.m.–12 noon | Working session IV: The OSCE and its neighbourhood: challenges and opportunities arising from migration |
| 12 noon | Lunch break |

- 2–4 p.m. Working session V: Transnational threats: current and future trends in the OSCE area and beyond
- 4–4.30 p.m. Closing session

ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 26–28 June 2018

Background

The Tenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, at Porto, by adopting its Decision No. 3 dated 7 December 2002, established the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) to provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing the security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, as well as an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building measures, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

A representative of the Chairperson-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each working session will have a moderator and a rapporteur, as will each special session. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will serve as co-ordinator for the preparation of the working sessions.

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will contribute to the Conference in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences. In particular, the third working session will be chaired by the Chairperson of the FSC.

The ASRC will be subject to the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE. The guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, special, working and closing sessions.

The OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office (Italy) will prepare the work of this year's ASRC, in close co-ordination with the FSC Chairperson and the OSCE Secretariat.

Following the Conference, the Chairperson-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report of the Conference's proceedings.

The Communication and Media Relations Section (COMMS) will inform the press, as appropriate, and will work in close co-ordination with the Chairmanship.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials from capitals who are responsible for security-related policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the CPC. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation are also invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference. Heads of field operations or other high-ranking OSCE officials may also be invited to serve as keynote speakers or moderators.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010.

Consideration will be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think tanks of international standing and NGOs to send keynote speakers or moderators, or to be represented as members of national delegations.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in nine sessions. The opening session is intended to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions during the special and working sessions. The opening session will include welcoming remarks by the Chairmanship-in-Office. The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guests to address the Conference.

Each working session and the special sessions will focus on a specific subject, introduced by keynote speakers, whose addresses will be followed by a discussion of relevant topics in accordance with the agenda.

The aim is interactive and free-flowing discussion.

In order to further enhance the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that each of the sessions will also address aspects of co-operation with international and regional organizations.

To encourage interactive discussion, interventions by delegations at the opening, special and working sessions should be as concise as possible, not exceeding five minutes in length. Moderators will be asked to enforce these time limits strictly. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility of free-flowing discussion.

In accordance with the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference sent out by the OSCE Secretariat, participants should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC by 12 June 2018.

Participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions by 12 June 2018.

Written contributions should be submitted to Conference Services, which will then distribute them. Inputs to be circulated may also include, if appropriate, contributions by OSCE institutions and other international organizations.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

Keynote speakers should address the subject of their respective session, setting the scene for the subsequent discussion among delegations by raising appropriate thematic questions and suggesting potential recommendations for the work of the OSCE.

Presentations should be brief and concise and remain within the limit of 15 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session at which they are speaking, and should stand ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

Keynote speakers should provide a written contribution and their curriculum vitae to the CPC by 12 June 2018. Within their presentations, keynote speakers should touch upon the highlights (or core elements) of their written contribution.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

Moderators chairing the special and working sessions should facilitate and foster the debate among delegations. Moderators should facilitate the discussion by introducing items strictly related to the subject of the session they are chairing.

Following the Conference, the written reports provided by rapporteurs should address issues raised during the special and working sessions, covering suggestions elaborated during the sessions, and other relevant information. Personal views will not be accepted as part of the reports.

Moderators and rapporteurs should identify and summarize specific recommendations advanced during their respective session.

Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations

International and regional organizations may participate in all special and working sessions. They are kindly invited to focus on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE within the scope of the relevant session.

International and regional organizations should provide the participants of the ASRC with factual and relevant information on their work by sending such information to Conference Services by 12 June 2018.