
Chairmanship: Austria**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1127th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Thursday, 12 January 2017

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, condemned the recent terrorist attacks in Istanbul and Izmir, Turkey, in Israel (Partner for Co-operation), in Egypt (Partner for Co-operation) and in Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) and offered condolences to the families of the victims. Turkey (PC.DEL/13/17 OSCE+) thanked the delegations for their expression of sympathy.

The Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Belarus to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Alena Kupchyna.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE OF THE OSCE, FEDERAL MINISTER FOR EUROPE, INTEGRATION AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF AUSTRIA, H.E. SEBASTIAN KURZ

Chairperson, Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/3/17), 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; as well as Andorra, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/23/17), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/10/17 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/18/17 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/19/17 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/11/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/5/17), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/9/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/12/17), Norway (PC.DEL/21/17), Georgia (PC.DEL/15/17 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/24/17 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/7/17), Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/6/17 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/4/17 OSCE+), Iceland

(PC.DEL/8/17 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Mongolia (PC.DEL/16/17 OSCE+), Montenegro, Canada (PC.DEL/17/17 OSCE+), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova (PC.DEL/20/17 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/22/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the OSCE, Ambassador D. Baer: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/25/17)*
- (b) *Defender of Democracy Award, to be presented in Vienna on 18 January 2017: Sweden*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 19 January 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal