

**Chairmanship: Slovakia**

**1228th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 16 May 2019

Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Suspended: 1 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 4.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč  
Ambassador K. Žáková

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN  
UZBEKISTAN

Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan (PC.FR/11/19 OSCE+), Romania-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 Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/540/19), Switzerland (PC.DEL/546/19 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/552/19 OSCE+), Turkey, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/531/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/530/19), Norway, Canada, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE 2019 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET  
FOR THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1329 (PC.DEC/1329) on the 2019 supplementary budget for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 3:           **BRIEFING BY THE CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE ON THE INFORMAL MINISTERIAL GATHERING**

Chairperson, France, Canada, Director of the Department of Logistics and Protocol of the Slovak OSCE Chairmanship Taskforce, Russian Federation, San Marino, Sweden, United States of America, Turkey, Croatia, Belgium, Serbia

Agenda item 4:           **REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES**

Chairperson, Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/97/19 OSCE+)

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/537/19), Romania-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/541/19), Switzerland (PC.DEL/547/19 OSCE+), Turkey, United States of America (PC.DEL/532/19), Canada (PC.DEL/553/19 OSCE+)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements*: Russian Federation
- (c) *International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, observed on 17 May 2019*: Romania-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; as well as San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/542/19/Rev.1), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland and Norway) (PC.DEL/555/19 OSCE+), Russian Federation

Agenda item 5:           **REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE**

- (a) *Seminar on the conflict cycle, held in Vienna on 13 May 2019*: Chairperson
- (b) *Participation of the Chairperson-in-Office in the 129th Session of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, being held in Helsinki on 16 and 17 May 2019*: Chairperson
- (c) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, to take place from 19 to 22 May 2019*: Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the seminar on the conflict cycle, held in Vienna on 13 May 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/96/19 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Participation of the Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats in the High-level Launch Event for the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme, held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 7 and 8 May 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/96/19 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Participation of the Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in the second strategic workshop of the Alliance 8.7 Action Group on Supply Chains, held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on 14 and 15 May 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/96/19 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Informal meetings scheduled for 21 May 2019 with the heads of South-Eastern European field operations, and for 28 May 2019 with the heads of Central Asian field operations, both to be held in Vienna: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/96/19 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Participation of the Secretary General in the 129th Session of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, being held in Helsinki on 16 and 17 May 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/96/19 OSCE+)*
- (f) *Participation of the Secretary General in the Second Preparatory Meeting for the 27th Economic and Environmental Forum, to be held in Bratislava on 27 and 28 May 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/96/19 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *The 75th anniversary of the deportation of the Crimean Tatar people from Crimea by the Soviet regime: Ukraine (PC.DEL/538/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/535/19), Canada (PC.DEL/554/19 OSCE+), Turkey, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/539/19), France*
- (b) *Threats to the Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania: Albania (PC.DEL/548/19 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/536/19), Romania-European Union (with the candidate countries Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/543/19/Rev.1), United Kingdom, Italy*
- (c) *General election in Denmark, to be held on 5 June 2019: Denmark*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 23 May 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1329  
2019 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR THE  
OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 1326 of 11 April 2019 on the approval of the 2019 Unified Budget,

Takes note of the supplementary budget proposed under PC.ACMF/30/19/Rev.1 of 8 May 2019;

Approves the supplementary budget in the amount of 98,900 euros for the activities of the Mission in Kosovo Elections Programme, on an exceptional basis;

Determines that this supplementary budget shall be financed from the 2017 cash surplus.

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Attachment

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**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 United States of America:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The United States wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

In joining consensus on this 2019 supplementary budget proposal, the United States makes no commitment to any increases in US contributions in future years due to the use of previous years' cash surpluses in this instance.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”