

Chairmanship: Germany

1088th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 4 February 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 3.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/3/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-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; and the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/114/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/137/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/131/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/111/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/108/16), Norway, Albania (PC.DEL/125/16), France (PC.DEL/113/16), United Kingdom, Iceland, Spain (PC.DEL/126/16 OSCE+), Slovakia, Serbia (PC.DEL/136/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

(a) *Ongoing aggression against Ukraine and violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/123/16/Rev.1), Netherlands-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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/115/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/130/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/119/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/109/16), Canada (PC.DEL/121/16 OSCE+), United Kingdom

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/128/16), Ukraine
- (c) *Abduction and illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/124/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-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 Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/118/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/110/16), Canada (PC.DEL/122/16 OSCE+)
- (d) *Aggressive nationalism in Ukraine:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/134/16), Ukraine (PC.DEL/138/16 OSCE+), Canada, United States of America
- (e) *Developments in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:* United States of America (PC.DEL/112/16), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/116/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/135/16), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- (f) *Freedom of expression in Turkey:* Netherlands-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 Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/117/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/120/16 OSCE+)
- (g) *Sami People's Day, to be observed on 6 February 2016:* Norway
- (h) *Freedom of the media in Moldova:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/133/16), Moldova
- (i) *Withdrawal of accreditation and subsequent expulsion from the Russian Federation of Polish journalist Mr. W. Radziwinowicz:* Poland (PC.DEL/127/16 OSCE+) (PC.DEL/129/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/132/16)

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

- (a) *Visit of the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 to Strasbourg, France, on 3 February 2016:* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Head of the Task Force for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 to Ukraine, conducted from 3 to 5 February 2016:* Chairperson
- (c) *Press release by the Chairperson-in-Office on recent ceasefire violations in Ukraine, issued on 4 February 2016 (SEC.PR/69/16):* Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Head of Conference Services

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parliamentary elections in Cyprus, to be held on 22 May 2016: Cyprus

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 February 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal