
Chairmanship: Slovakia**1233rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Opened: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.50 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 UKRAINE

Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Romania-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; 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/744/19), Turkey (PC.DEL/732/19 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/701/19), Norway (PC.DEL/715/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/706/19), Canada, Kazakhstan, Ukraine (PC.DEL/721/19)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN NUR-SULTAN

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan (PC.FR/17/19 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 and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/747/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/702/19), Switzerland (PC.DEL/718/19 OSCE+), Turkey

(PC.DEL/731/19 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/704/19), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/712/19 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1332 (PC.DEC/1332) on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2019 Annual Security Review Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1333 (PC.DEC/1333) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Romania-European Union (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Canada (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision), United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision), Ukraine (interpretative statement, see attachment 5 to the decision), Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 6 to the decision)

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/722/19), 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/748/19), Switzerland (PC.DEL/719/19 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/733/19 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/708/19), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/705/19), Ukraine
- (c) *International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, observed on 19 June 2019:* Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/714/19), 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; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/749/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/709/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/703/19), United Kingdom

- (d) *Freedom of peaceful assembly in the Russian Federation*: Romania-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Canada, Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/751/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/710/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/707/19 OSCE+)
- (e) *Death penalty in Belarus*: 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 Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/750/19), Belarus (PC.DEL/711/19 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *OSCE Informal Ministerial Gathering, to be held in the High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia, on 8 and 9 July 2019*: Chairperson
- (b) *Ambassadorial retreat, held in the High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia, on 13 June 2019*: Chairperson, Russian Federation
- (c) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Ukraine on 13 June 2019*: Chairperson
- (d) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo from 18 to 21 June 2019*: Chairperson
- (e) *2019 Chairmanship OSCE-wide conference on “Cyber/ICT security for a safer future: The OSCE’s role in fostering regional cyber stability”, held in Bratislava on 17 and 18 June 2019*: Chairperson
- (f) *Instagram competition on women, peace and the OSCE, concluded on 15 May 2019 and exhibition on women, peace and the OSCE, to be held in Vienna on 24 June 2019*: Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General on 17 June 2019 in the 2019 Chairmanship OSCE-wide conference on “Cyber/ICT security for a safer future: The OSCE’s role in fostering regional cyber stability”, held in Bratislava on 17 and 18 June 2019*: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/120/19)

- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with Mr. A. Pushkov, Chairperson of the Federation Council's Commission on Information and Media, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, held in Vienna on 17 June 2019:*
Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
(SEC.GAL/120/19)
- (c) *Meeting of the Secretary General with a delegation of the German Bundestag (Parliament) Subcommittee on the United Nations, International Organizations and Globalization, held in Vienna on 18 June 2019:*
Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
(SEC.GAL/120/19)
- (d) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), held in Vienna on 18 June 2019:*
Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
(SEC.GAL/120/19)
- (e) *Participation of the Director of the Office of the Secretary General in the Fifth Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), held in Dushanbe on 14 and 15 June 2019:* Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/120/19)
- (f) *Participation of the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre in a United Nations retreat in Central Asia held in Bishkek on 11 and 12 June 2019:*
Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
(SEC.GAL/120/19)
- (g) *Country visit of the acting OSCE Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings to Tbilisi and Batumi, Georgia, from 17 to 19 June 2019:*
Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
(SEC.GAL/120/19)

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the OSCE, Ambassador I. Prokopchuk:* Chairperson, Ukraine
- (b) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE, Ambassador E. Pohl:* Chairperson, Germany
- (c) *Fifth Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building-Measures in Asia (CICA), held in Dushanbe on 14 and 15 June 2019:* Tajikistan (PC.DEL/713/19 OSCE+)
- (d) *National women's strike in Switzerland, held on 14 June 2019:* Switzerland (PC.DEL/720/19 OSCE+)

- (e) *Outcome of the Joint Investigation Team on the downing of Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777-200 MH17*: Netherlands, Romania-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania and Montenegro; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/752/19), Switzerland, Ukraine (PC.DEL/724/19), United States of America, Russian Federation, Australia (Partner for Co-operation), Canada
- (f) *Release of the 2019 Trafficking in Persons Report by the United States Department of State*: United States of America (PC.DEL/723/19)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 4 July 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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

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DECISION No. 1332
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2019
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. 1327 on the dates of the 2019 Annual Security Review Conference,

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

Decides to organize the 2019 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2019 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 25–27 June 2019

**For people, dialogue and stability – strengthening comprehensive security
in the OSCE area**

Agenda

Tuesday, 25 June 2019

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| 9 a.m.–12 noon | Opening session |
| 12 noon | Lunch break |
| 2.30–4.30 p.m. | Special session: Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of developments with respect to Ukraine |

Wednesday, 26 June 2019

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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 I: Effective multilateral approaches to 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 II: Conflict and crisis situations in the OSCE area: building security and confidence |

Thursday, 27 June 2019

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| 10 a.m.–12 noon | Working session III: Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: challenges and opportunities |
| 12 noon | Lunch break |

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

4-4.30 p.m. Closing session

ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 25–27 June 2019

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 (Slovakia) 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 eight 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 17 June 2019.

Participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions by 17 June 2019.

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 10 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 17 June 2019. 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 17 June 2019.



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

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1233rd Plenary Meeting
PC Journal No. 1233, Agenda item 4

**DECISION No. 1333
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 31 December 2019.

**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 Romania, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

The European Union stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.”

The candidate countries the Republic of North Macedonia¹ and Montenegro¹, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this statement.

1 The Republic of North Macedonia and Montenegro continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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Attachment 2

Original: ENGLISH

**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 Canada:

“Mr. Chairperson,

Canada wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure in connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire country of Ukraine, including Crimea, and we reiterate our full support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. Canada has not and will not recognize the illegal annexation of Ukraine’s Autonomous Republic of Crimea by the Russian Federation.

Canada requests that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”

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Attachment 3

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 extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the Russian Federation takes the position that the geographical area of activity of the office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator will fully reflect the political and legal realities existing since 21 March 2014 as a result of the fact that the Republic of Crimea and the federal city of Sevastopol are integral parts of the territory of the Russian Federation. Consequently, the Co-ordinator’s activities, including project activities, do not apply to these constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

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

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Attachment 4

Original: ENGLISH

**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:

“In connection with the adoption of the decision for the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the United States would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States notes that Crimea remains an integral and internationally recognized part of Ukraine, despite Russia’s occupation and attempted annexation. The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire country of Ukraine, including Crimea.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

**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 extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, 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 Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which are an integral part of Ukraine, were illegally occupied and subjected to attempted annexation by the Russian Federation in violation of the OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. The sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders are safeguarded by Constitution and legislation of Ukraine and norms of international law. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders was reconfirmed by the UN General Assembly resolutions 68/262 ‘Territorial integrity of Ukraine’ of 27 March 2014, 71/205 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)’ of 19 December 2016, 72/190 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 19 December 2017 and 73/263 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 22 December 2018.

Ukraine stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine extends to the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

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.”

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Attachment 6

Original: ENGLISH

**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:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Turkey reiterates that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea, which Turkey continues to regard as part of Ukraine.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

Thank you.”