

Chairmanship: Germany

1097th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 21 April 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.05 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 TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/12/16 OSCE+), 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 countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/532/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/529/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/548/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/531/16 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/552/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/540/16), Ukraine (PC.DEL/538/16 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/535/16)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

(a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/539/16 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 countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and

Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/533/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/542/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/545/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/537/16), Canada (PC.DEL/553/16 OSCE+)

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/541/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/546/16) (PC.DEL/547/16), Ukraine, Chairperson
- (c) *Violation of the rights of children in Norway:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/543/16), Norway (PC.DEL/550/16), United States of America
- (d) *Ban of the website of the Russian news agency “Sputnik” in Turkey:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/544/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/551/16 OSCE+)
- (e) *Statement on Ms. L. and Mr. A. Yunus in Azerbaijan:* 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; and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/534/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/530/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/549/16 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/554/16 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/536/16 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Press release by the Chairperson-in-Office on recent developments in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, issued on 15 April 2016 (SEC.PR/283/16):* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)
- (b) *Visit by the Chairperson-in-Office to the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in Warsaw on 19 April 2016:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)
- (c) *Meeting of the Chairperson-in-Office with the Co-Chairmen of the Minsk Group and the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, held in Berlin on 20 April 2016:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)
- (d) *Participation by the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 in the seminar of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on “Opportunities for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and its members to contribute extensively to OSCE measures for breaking the conflict cycle – focusing in particular on protracted conflicts”, held in Leinsweiler, Germany, on 17 April 2016:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)
- (e) *Participation by the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 in a commemorative event*

marking the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Moscow Helsinki Group, held in Moscow on 19 April 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)

- (f) *Participation by the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 in a high-level meeting marking the 20th anniversary of “The Hague Recommendations regarding the Education Rights of National Minorities”, held in The Hague on 20 April 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)*
- (g) *Visits by the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus to Armenia on 18 and 19 April 2016, and to Georgia on 20 April 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)*
- (h) *Condemnation by the Chairperson-in-Office of the attack in Jerusalem, Israel, on 10 April 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)*
- (i) *Condemnation of the attack in Kabul on 19 April 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)*
- (j) *Expression of condolences to Japan by the Federal Government of Germany with regard to the recent series of earthquakes: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/16)*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Minister of Defence of Montenegro, held on 20 April 2016: Secretary General*
- (b) *Update on tender processes for the provision of unmanned aerial vehicle systems and services to the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine: Secretary General*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Meeting of the Informal Group of Friends of Mediation, to be held in Vienna on 25 April 2016: Switzerland*
- (b) *Issuance of the 2015 Annual Human Rights Report by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: United Kingdom*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 28 April 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal