
Chairmanship: Germany**1108th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 14 July 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 6.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Clemens Koja, and the new Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni.

Prior to taking up agenda item 2, the Netherlands called to mind the 298 victims of the tragic crash of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, which occurred on 17 July 2014. Australia (Partner for Co-operation) (Annex), Ukraine and the Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1132/16) also made statements.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF AUSTRIA, H.E. SEBASTIAN KURZ

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria (PC.DEL/1097/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1123/16), Slovakia-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 Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1108/16), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1116/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1120/16 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1102/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1100/16), Belarus (PC.DEL/1135/16), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1114/16), Moldova (PC.DEL/1119/16), Canada (PC.DEL/1141/16)

OSCE+), Armenia, Norway (PC.DEL/1125/16), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1098/16 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/1147/16 OSCE+), Holy See, Serbia (PC.DEL/1101/16 OSCE+), Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/1099/16 OSCE+), Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Skopje (PC.FR/22/16 OSCE+), Slovakia-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 Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1110/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1127/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1143/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1137/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1124/16), Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/1140/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: 2015 ANNUAL REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OSCE RECRUITMENT POLICIES

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/104/16 Restr.), Slovakia-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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1111/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1103/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1126/16), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1112/16 OSCE+), Representative of the Department of Human Resources

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE DATES AND AGENDA OF THE 2016 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1213 (PC.DEC/1213) on the dates and agenda of the 2016 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL
 MODALITIES OF THE 2016 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN
 CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1214 (PC.DEC/1214) on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1117/16), Chairperson, Canada (PC.DEL/1142/16 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1144/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1121/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1106/16), Slovakia-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1113/16)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1129/16), Ukraine
- (c) *Peaceful protests and the ensuring of constitutional policing in the United States of America:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1107/16), Slovakia-European Union (PC.DEL/1115/16/Rev.1), Canada, Switzerland (PC.DEL/1145/16 OSCE+)
- (d) *Police violence in the United States of America:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1131/16), United States of America
- (e) *Response to a statement made at the 1104th meeting of the Permanent Council on the rights of migrants in the United States of America:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1109/16), Russian Federation
- (f) *Twenty-first anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina:* Slovakia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino, Ukraine and the United States of America, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1118/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1134/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1138/16 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/1139/16 OSCE+)

- (g) *Legislation restricting the rights to freedom of speech, assembly and religion in the Russian Federation: United States of America (PC.DEL/1128/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1130/16), Ukraine*

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Conference on Confidence-Building Measures in the Transdniestrian Conflict Settlement Process, held in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, on 12 and 13 July 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/116/16)*
- (b) *Participation of the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 in the 162nd Bergedorf Round Table entitled "Russia and Europe: What Unites Us, What Divides Us?", held in Moscow from 10 to 12 July 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/116/16)*

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Montenegro on 11 and 12 July 2016: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/114/16 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Vacancy notice for the post of Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/114/16 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Vacancy notice for the post of Policy and Co-ordination Officer in the Transnational Threats Department: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/114/16 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Ambassador C. Strohal: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Austria*
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Montenegro, to be held on 16 October 2016: Montenegro (PC.DEL/1122/16 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Mongolia, held on 29 June 2016: Mongolia*
- (d) *Rerun of the Austrian presidential election, to be held on 2 October 2016: Austria*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 20 July 2016, at 3 p.m., in the Ratsaal



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Annex

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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF AUSTRALIA

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The Australian delegation welcomes and supports the comments made by our colleague from the Netherlands marking the second anniversary of the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight 17.

Today, our thoughts remain with the families and friends of the 298 people on board MH17, especially the 38 people that called Australia home. We, like they, will never forget this terrible tragedy.

Our key priority now is bringing those individuals responsible for the downing of MH17 to justice, in accordance with the demand for accountability expressed in UN Security Council resolution 2166.

We echo our colleagues' call for the co-operation of all States in a position to do so to assist with the investigation and prosecution of those responsible.

A thorough and robust investigation will be crucial in securing justice for all of the victims.

We will continue to work with our partners in the Joint Investigation Team – Belgium, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Ukraine – on a prosecution mechanism to ensure those responsible are held to account.

In closing, I would like to reiterate Australia's appreciation to the OSCE and the Special Monitoring Mission for their critical role in facilitating access to the site immediately following the tragedy.

I request that this statement be included in the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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DECISION No. 1213
**DATES AND AGENDA OF THE 2016 ECONOMIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Further to Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 on strengthening the effectiveness of the economic and environmental dimension of the OSCE, in which participating States agreed, *inter alia*, to hold the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on an annual basis in accordance with the mandate and modalities established by Permanent Council Decision No. 995,

Decides to convene the 2016 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on 17 and 18 October 2016 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda contained in the annex to this decision.

AGENDA OF THE 2016 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Vienna, 17 and 18 October 2016

Monday, 17 October 2016

- 9.30–11 a.m. Opening session: Taking stock of the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the field of good governance
- 11–11.30 a.m. Coffee/Tea break
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Session I: Fighting corruption and promoting the rule of law as prerequisites for economic development and business interaction
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.30–4 p.m. Session II: Good governance in transport and trade facilitation
- 4–4.30 p.m. Coffee/Tea break
- 4.30–6 p.m. Session III: Good environmental governance

Tuesday, 18 October 2016

- 9.30–11 a.m. Session IV: Strengthening co-operation in the field of energy
- 11–11.30 a.m. Coffee/Tea break
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Session V: Promoting sustainable development towards enhancing stability and security
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.30–4 p.m. Panel debate: Opportunities and challenges in the OSCE's economic and environmental dimension – the way ahead
- 4–4.30 p.m. Closing remarks

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Attachment

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 connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the dates and agenda of the 2016 OSCE Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting, we should like to make the following statement.

We take the position that the Meeting should provide a framework for enhancing dialogue and co-operation on key thematic areas within the economic and environmental dimension, as provided for in Permanent Council Decision No. 995 of 31 March 2011. The development of co-operation in the field of energy remains at the focus of this OSCE dimension. We expect that a substantive discussion on the aspects of energy co-operation set out in the relevant Ministerial Council decisions will be organized during the Meeting. We believe it useful to focus on the important questions for all participating States of increasing energy efficiency and reducing the negative impact on the environment of energy production, transportation and consumption. We trust that the discussions will be depoliticized and oriented towards strengthening confidence and developing good-neighbourly relations.

I request that this statement be appended to the Permanent Council decision adopted, and included in the journal of the day.”



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

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**DECISION No. 1214
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2016
OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE**

(Vienna, 5 and 6 October 2016)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Decision No. 1206 of 12 May 2016 on the dates and venue of the 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, to be held in Vienna on 5 and 6 October 2016,

Welcoming again the offer by Austria to host the annual OSCE Mediterranean Conference,

Further to the discussion in the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on the topic “Youth north and south of the Mediterranean: facing security challenges and enhancing opportunities”;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference, as contained in the annex.

AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2016 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON YOUTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE MEDITERRANEAN: FACING SECURITY CHALLENGES AND ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES

Vienna, 5 and 6 October 2016

I. Indicative agenda

Introduction

Recent and current developments demonstrate the inextricable link between comprehensive security of the OSCE area and the Mediterranean region. Violent extremism, radicalisation and terrorism as well as current migration trends are amongst the most pressing challenges as is witnessed also in current OSCE discussions. Youth is the population group most widely affected by these trends, be it north or south of the Mediterranean. Youth is the present and the future of our societies and thus needs the continued attention of policy makers.

The 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference will therefore focus on the topic of challenges for comprehensive security and youth north and south of the Mediterranean, adopting a cross-dimensional approach to the issue.

The two sessions on the first day will delve into this issue to look at lessons learned and best practices as well as ways to shape constructive future perspectives. The session on the second day of the Conference is aiming at high-level participation and shall allow a broader, political discussion on the challenges related to comprehensive security and youth.

The Conference will provide space to exchange views from north and south of the Mediterranean. OSCE participating States and Mediterranean Partners will have the opportunity to share experiences as well as formulating forward-looking recommendations in order to strengthen dialogue and enhance concrete co-operation for the sake of common security with a special focus on youth.

Programme

Wednesday, 5 October 2016

9–9.30 a.m.	Registration of participants
9.30–10 a.m.	Opening

10–10.30 a.m.	Coffee break
10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Session I: Lessons learned and best practices in dealing with challenges for youth north and south of the Mediterranean: Violent extremism, radicalization and terrorism
12.30–2.30 p.m.	Lunch hosted by OSCE Secretariat
2.30–3.45 p.m.	Session II: Lessons learned and best practices in dealing with challenges for youth north and south of the Mediterranean: Current migration trends
3.45–4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15–5.45 p.m.	Session III: The way forward: enhancing opportunities

Thursday, 6 October 2016

9–10 a.m.	Registration of participants
10–10.30 a.m.	Opening remarks
10.30–11 a.m.	Coffee break
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	High-level segment on youth north and south of the Mediterranean: facing security challenges and enhancing co-operation
12.30–1 p.m.	Closing

II. Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Conference. The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Adriatic Ionian Initiative, African Development Bank, African Union, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, Eurasian Economic Union, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, European Union, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, Financial Action Task Force, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International

Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Labour Organisation, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, Inter-parliamentary Union, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, Middle East and North Africa Region Financial Action Task Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Union for the Mediterranean, UN Habitat, United Nations, UN Al-Qaida Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Cities and Local Governments, UNICEF, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UN Women, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Bank.

Additional organizations may be invited by the host country to observe the conference.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

Other countries may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the conference.

III. Organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.30 a.m. on the first day, and end at 1 p.m. on the second day.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chairperson. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.

Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.

The working languages will be English and French. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken in account.