

Chairmanship: Germany**1124th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 15 December 2016

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl
Ms. S. Stöhr

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, offered his condolences to the families of the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in Turkey and Egypt. Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan and the Holy See also extended their condolences. Turkey thanked the Chairperson and delegations for their expressions of sympathy.

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

Agenda item 1: **REPORT BY THE OSCE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND CO-ORDINATOR FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING
IN HUMAN BEINGS**

Chairperson, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (SEC.GAL/194/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1723/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1735/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1730/16 OSCE+), 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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1743/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1728/16 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Belarus (PC.DEL/1725/16 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/1739/16 OSCE+), Armenia

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1717/16 OSCE+), 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 San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1744/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1732/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1724/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1729/16 OSCE+), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1738/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1734/16), Ukraine
- (c) *The death penalty in the United States of America:* Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, San Marino and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/1742/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1722/16)
- (d) *Presidential elections in Uzbekistan, held on 4 December 2016:* 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1747/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1721/16), Turkey, Tajikistan, Belarus (PC.DEL/1726/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1736/16), Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
- (e) *Human rights situation in Azerbaijan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1718/16), 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; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1745/16), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1720/16 OSCE+)
- (f) *International Human Rights Day, observed on 10 December 2016:* 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 country Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Canada, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1746/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1737/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1719/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1731/16 OSCE+), Switzerland

(PC.DEL/1733/16 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1716/16 OSCE+), Belarus
(PC.DEL/1727/16 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Twenty-Third Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, held in Hamburg on 8 and 9 December 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/216/16)*
- (b) *Condemnation by the Chairperson-in-Office and the OSCE Secretary General of the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Turkey, on 10 December 2016 and in Cairo on 11 December 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/216/16)*
- (c) *Thirty-eighth round of the Geneva International Discussions, held on 14 December 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/216/16)*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/199/16 OSCE+): OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential election in Turkmenistan, to be held on 12 February 2017: Turkmenistan*
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, held on 11 December 2016: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/1741/16 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Albania, to be held on 18 June 2017: Albania*
- (d) *Farewell statement by the German OSCE Chairmanship: Chairperson, Austria*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced