
Chairmanship: Italy**1193rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 19 July 2018

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.30 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Azzoni
Ms. S. Santangelo

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE STATE SECRETARY AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC FOR THE SLOVAK 2019 OSCE CHAIRMANSHIP, MR. LUKÁŠ PARÍZEK

Chairperson, State Secretary and Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic for the Slovak 2019 OSCE Chairmanship (PC.DEL/1006/18 OSCE+), Austria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; 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/1008/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/986/18/Corr.2), Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/984/18), Turkey (PC.DEL/1003/18 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1000/18 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1012/18 OSCE+), Serbia, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/990/18 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Belarus (PC.DEL/996/18 OSCE+), Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Georgia (PC.DEL/1018/18 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/1004/18 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/992/18), Holy See (PC.DEL/1017/18 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/987/18 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/1022/18), Kyrgyzstan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovakia

Agenda item 2: UPDATE BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE IN UKRAINE AND IN THE TRILATERAL CONTACT GROUP, AMBASSADOR MARTIN SAJDIK

Discussion under agenda item 3

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE CHIEF MONITOR OF THE OSCE SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Chairperson, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group, Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (PC.FR/22/18 OSCE+), Austria-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 and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1009/18), Canada (PC.DEL/1002/18 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/989/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/988/18), Turkey (PC.DEL/1014/18 OSCE+), Switzerland, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1013/18 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/999/18 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/1019/18 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/993/18)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE 27th ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1303 (PC.DEC/1303) on the theme, agenda and modalities for the 27th Economic and Environmental Forum, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Concerns about the sentencing of six journalists of the newspaper "Zaman" in Turkey:* Austria-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 Armenia and Canada, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1007/18), Turkey
- (b) *Concerns about the sentencing of Mr. K. Mirsaidov in Tajikistan:* Austria-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 Canada, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1010/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/1016/18), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/1001/18 OSCE+)

- (c) *Abduction of Mr. D. Askerov and Mr. S. Guliyev by Armenia in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan: Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/991/18 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/1023/18)*

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

- (a) *Announcement of the participation of the Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy, H.E. Mr. E. Moavero Milanese, in the next regular meeting of the Permanent Council on 30 August 2018: Chairperson*
- (b) *Extension of the deadline for the nomination of candidates for the position of Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe (SEC.VN/294/18): Chairperson*

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Meeting between the Secretary General and the United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on 13 July 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/125/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/125/18/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Meeting between the Secretary General and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan, on 17 July 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/125/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/125/18/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Seminar on professional integrity and ethical standards in law enforcement, jointly organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities and by the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat, held in Ashgabat on 12 and 13 July 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/125/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/125/18/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Visit by the Secretary General to Ukraine from 25 to 28 July 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/125/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/125/18/Add.1 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE, Ambassador K. Azzopardi: Chairperson, Malta*
- (b) *Farewell to the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the OSCE, Ms. M. Botchorishvili: Chairperson, Georgia*
- (c) *High-level event "Climate, Peace and Security: The Time for Action", held in Brussels on 22 June 2018: Austria-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 Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1011/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1005/18)

- (d) *Twenty-seventh Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Berlin from 7 to 11 July 2018*: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, United States of America (PC.DEL/1021/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1015/18 OSCE+), Ukraine

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 30 August 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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**DECISION No. 1303
THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE
27th ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

The Permanent Council,

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs 21 to 32, of the Helsinki Document 1992; Chapter IX, paragraph 20, of the Budapest Document 1994; Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/04 of 7 December 2004; Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/06 of 26 July 2006; Permanent Council Decision No. 743 of 19 October 2006; Permanent Council Decision No. 958 of 11 November 2010; and Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 of 7 December 2011,

Relying on the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension (Annex 1 of MC(11).JOUR/2) and relevant Ministerial Council decisions,

Building on the outcomes of past Economic and Environmental Forums, as well as on the results of relevant OSCE activities,

Decides that:

1. The theme of the 27th Economic and Environmental Forum will be: “Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area through energy co-operation, new technologies, good governance and connectivity in the digital era”;
2. The 27th Economic and Environmental Forum will consist of three meetings, including two preparatory meetings, one of which will take place outside of Vienna. The concluding meeting will be held from 11 to 13 September 2019 in Prague. These arrangements shall not set a precedent for future meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forum. The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2019, will organize the above-mentioned meetings;
3. The agenda of the Forum will focus on the impact of the following topics on the comprehensive security of the OSCE area:
 - Energy co-operation to increase energy security and sustainability;

- Good governance and connectivity in the development of digital economies and societies;
 - Good environmental governance in support of sustainable policies and reduction of environmental footprint in the OSCE participating States;
 - Implications of new technologies in the economic area;
4. The agendas of the Forum meetings, including timetables and themes of the working sessions, will be proposed and determined by the OSCE Chairmanship for 2019, after being agreed upon by the participating States in the Economic and Environmental Committee;
 5. The Economic and Environmental Forum will review the implementation of the OSCE's commitments in the economic and environmental dimension, including through presentations of activities implemented by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities and the field operations;
 6. The discussions at the Forum should benefit from cross-dimensional input provided by other OSCE bodies and relevant meetings organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2019, and from deliberations in various international organizations;
 7. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level by senior officials responsible for shaping international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area. Participation in their delegations of representatives from the business and scientific communities and of other relevant actors of civil society would be welcome;
 8. As in previous years, the format of the Economic and Environmental Forum should provide for the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions;
 9. The following international organizations, international organs, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the 27th Economic and Environmental Forum: Asian Development Bank; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation; Central European Initiative; Collective Security Treaty Organization; Commonwealth of Independent States; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia; Council of Europe; Council of the Baltic Sea States; Economic Cooperation Organization; Energy Community; Eurasian Economic Commission; Eurasian Economic Union; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Environment Agency; European Investment Bank; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Green Cross International; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Energy Agency; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea; International Maritime Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; International Committee of the Red Cross; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC); OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID); Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organisation of Islamic Cooperation; Regional Cooperation Council; Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; Secretariat of the United Nations

Framework Convention on Climate Change; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Human Settlements Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees; UN Women; United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia; World Bank Group; World Health Organization; World Meteorological Organization; World Trade Organization; Advisory Group on Environmental Emergencies; Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; United Nations Children's Fund; Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI); United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination; International Civil Defence Organization; World Food Programme; Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery; Inter-Parliamentary Union; Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC); Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC); Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity; and other relevant organizations;

10. The OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the 27th Economic and Environmental Forum;

11. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings or expert academics and business representatives may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the 27th Economic and Environmental Forum;

12. Subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs 15 and 16, of the Helsinki Document 1992, the representatives of non-governmental organizations with relevant experience in the area under discussion are also invited to participate in the 27th Economic and Environmental Forum;

13. The 2019 preparatory meetings will be held in English and Russian with interpretation. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent to be relied upon in other circumstances.