
Chairmanship: Austria**1152nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**1. Date: Thursday, 6 July 2017Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.05 p.m.2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson condemned the missile launch conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 4 July 2017.

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, Estonia-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, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/946/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/929/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/931/17), Kazakhstan, Turkey (PC.DEL/949/17 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/953/17 OSCE+), Canada, Ukraine (PC.DEL/936/17)

Agenda item 2: **FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 AND THE
REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

Discussion under agenda item 3

Agenda item 3: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, OSCE External Auditor, Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Estonia-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 Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/948/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/932/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/930/17 OSCE+), Spain, France (also on behalf of Belgium)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 AND THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1255 (PC.DEC/1255) on the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the report of the External Auditor, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE 2017 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING AND THE TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE 2017 HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1256 (PC.DEC/1256) on the dates of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the topics for the second part of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson, Estonia-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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Kyrgyzstan (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision)

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE DATES AND AGENDA OF THE 2017 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1257 (PC.DEC/1257) on the dates and agenda of the 2017 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 7: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/937/17), Estonia-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 and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/950/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/933/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/947/17 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/954/17 OSCE+), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/938/17), Ukraine
- (c) *Falsification in Latvia of the history of the Second World War:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/939/17/Corr.1), Latvia (PC.DEL/959/17)
- (d) *"War" on monuments in Poland:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/940/17), Poland (PC.DEL/958/17 OSCE+)
- (e) *Statement by the Co-Chairmen of the OSCE Minsk Group:* Chairperson, France (also on behalf of the Russian Federation and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/935/17 OSCE+), Armenia, Azerbaijan
- (f) *The death penalty in the United States of America:* Estonia-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 Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/952/17), United States of America
- (g) *Indiscriminate killing of Azerbaijani civilian population by Armenia:* Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/942/17 OSCE+), Turkey, Armenia

Agenda item 8: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Participation of the Chairperson-in-Office in the twenty-sixth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, being held in Minsk from 5 to 9 July 2017:* Chairperson
- (b) *Participation of the Special Representative for the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship, Ambassador C. Strohal, in the conference "Safety of*

Journalists – New Challenges and Responses”, held in Vilnius on 3 July 2017:
Chairperson

- (c) *Informal meeting of the OSCE Ministers for Foreign Affairs, to be held in Mauerbach, Austria, on 11 July 2017:* Chairperson
- (d) *Update on the selection processes for the positions of OSCE Secretary General and of the heads of institutions:* Chairperson
- (e) *Announcement of vacancies on the Audit Committee (CIO.GAL/109/17):*
Chairperson
- (f) *Expiry of the deadline for the nomination of a candidate for the post of Chief Observer of the OSCE Observer Mission at two Russian checkpoints on the Russian-Ukrainian Border:* Chairperson
- (g) *Chairmanship’s beach volleyball tournament, to be held on 8 July 2017:*
Chairperson

Agenda item 9: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Meeting of the OSCE Early-Warning Focal Point Network, held in Tulbingerkogel, Austria, from 3 to 5 July 2017:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/98/17 OSCE+)
- (b) *Signing of a working arrangement between the OSCE and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) in Vienna on 3 July 2017:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/98/17 OSCE+)
- (c) *Launch of the OSCE Guidebook on Intelligence-Led Policing, held in Vienna on 3 July 2017:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/98/17 OSCE+)
- (d) *Participation of the Director of the Office of the Secretary General in a high-level workshop on “Strengthening and Enhancing Cybersecurity Co-operation in the ASEAN Region”, held in Bangkok on 28 and 29 June 2017:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/98/17 OSCE+)
- (e) *Investigation into the tragic incident of 23 April 2017 involving a patrol of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/98/17 OSCE+)
- (f) *Visit of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings to Canada from 20 to 23 June 2017:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/98/17 OSCE+)

- (g) *Meeting of National Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinators and Rapporteurs from the OSCE regional framework, held in Vienna on 30 June 2017*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/98/17 OSCE+)
- (h) *Participation of the Director of the Office of the Secretary General in a Collective Security Treaty Organization conference on transnational threats, held in Moscow on 16 June 2017*: Director of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/98/17 OSCE+)
- (i) *Registration for the OSCE-wide conference on “The Public-Private Partnership in the Fight against Human Trafficking”, to be held in Moscow on 20 and 21 July 2017*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/98/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Albania, held on 25 June 2017*: Albania (PC.DEL/941/17), Estonia-European Union (with the candidate countries 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 Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/951/17)
- (b) *OSCE-wide conference on “The Public-Private Partnership in the Fight against Human Trafficking”, to be held in Moscow on 20 and 21 July 2017*: Russian Federation
- (c) *Release of the 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report by the United States Department of State*: United States of America
- (d) *Parliamentary elections in the Czech Republic, to be held on 20 and 21 October 2017*: Czech Republic

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 13 July 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



1152nd Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1152, Agenda item 4

**DECISION No. 1255
FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 AND THE REPORT OF THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations, particularly Regulations 7.05 and 8.06(e), as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996 (DOC.PC/1/96) and revised on 24 November 2016 (PC.DEC/1225),

Reiterating the importance of full transparency and accountability in the functioning of the OSCE,

Taking note of the 2016 Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the Report of the External Auditor (PC.ACMF/25/17 of 13 June 2017),

Expressing its gratitude to the External Auditor, the Court of Auditors of Spain, for the work done,

Taking note of the Unqualified Audit Opinion on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016,

1. Accepts the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016;
2. Requests the Secretary General to establish and submit to the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance not later than 31 October 2017 a work plan for follow-up to the recommendations of the External Auditor as reflected in its Report for 2016. Further requests the Secretary General to inform the Permanent Council through the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance about the implementation of this plan on a regular basis, taking into account guidance from the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance.



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

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1152nd Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1152, Agenda item 5

**DECISION No. 1256
DATES OF THE 2017 HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING AND THE TOPICS FOR THE
SECOND PART OF THE 2017 HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Decides:

1. That the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 11 to 22 September 2017;
2. To select the following topics for the second part of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: “Ensuring Equal Enjoyment of Rights and Equal Participation in Political and Public Life”, “Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as an Answer to Rising Inequalities” and “Tolerance and Non-Discrimination”.

**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 Estonia, 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 dates of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the topics for the second part of the 2017 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

We would like to thank the Austrian Chairmanship for all the efforts invested in the continuous discussions and consultations with delegations with a view of achieving consensus related to the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting. However, we regret that consensus on this decision was not reached earlier and that the selected topics are not as ambitious as initially envisaged by the Chairmanship, and do not include fundamental freedoms.

We expect that the participation of civil society in human dimension events, including at the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, will take place according to the agreed modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues.

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 former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Serbia¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Georgia align themselves with this statement.

1 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

PC.DEC/1256
6 July 2017
Attachment 2

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 Kyrgyzstan:

“Mr. Chairperson,

The delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE in connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the date of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM).

Kyrgyzstan joined the consensus in the light of the need for the relevant preparatory work to be carried out by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the Austrian Chairmanship with a view to ensuring the necessary conditions so as to avoid a repeat of last year’s events during the Meeting.

We trust that the measures taken by the Austrian Chairmanship and the Office will ensure the successful holding of the HDIM.

We are grateful to the Austrian Chairmanship for launching consultations on the modalities. We note the need to continue consultations on optimizing the organizational conditions for holding the HDIM. We hope that the participating States will play an active part in the forthcoming consultations with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution to the modalities question.

Mr. Chairperson,

I request that the text of this interpretative statement be appended to our decision.”



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

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6 July 2017

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1152nd Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1152, Agenda item 6

**DECISION No. 1257
DATES AND AGENDA OF THE 2017 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 2017 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on 16 and 17 October 2017 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda contained in the annex to this decision.

AGENDA OF THE 2017 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Vienna, 16 and 17 October 2017

Monday, 16 October 2017

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| 9.30–11 a.m. | Opening session: Taking stock of the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the environmental and energy field |
| 11–11.30 a.m. | Coffee/Tea break |
| 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Session I: Strengthening disaster risk reduction and management at all levels |
| 1–2.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 2.30–4 p.m. | Session II: Reviewing the implementation of best practices in the area of water management |
| 4–4.30 p.m. | Coffee/Tea break |
| 4.30–6 p.m. | Session III: Raising awareness on environmental challenges and security |

Tuesday, 17 October 2017

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| 9.30–11 a.m. | Session IV: Strengthening co-operation on energy efficiency and renewable energy |
| 11–11.30 a.m. | Coffee/Tea break |
| 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Session V: Fighting corruption and promoting good governance in the environmental field |
| 1–2.30 p.m. | Lunch break |
| 2.30–4 p.m. | Panel debate: Opportunities for strengthening the OSCE's role in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development |
| 4–4.30 p.m. | Closing remarks |