

Chairmanship: Albania

1268th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 21 May 2020 (via video teleconference)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 5.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Hasani

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson reminded the Permanent Council of the technical modalities for the conduct of meetings of the Council via video teleconferencing technology during the COVID-19 pandemic (SEC.GAL/45/20).

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN BISHKEK AND BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OSCE ACADEMY IN BISHKEK

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek (PC.FR/16/20 OSCE+) (PC.FR/21/20 OSCE+), Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek (PC.FR/22/20 OSCE+), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia 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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/554/20), United States of America (PC.DEL/510/20), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/512/20), Turkey (PC.DEL/521/20 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/513/20 OSCE+), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/519/20 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/565/20 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/568/20), Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/508/20 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME
OFFICE IN DUSHANBE

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe, Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia 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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/556/20), United States of America (PC.DEL/511/20), Russian Federation, Turkey, United Kingdom, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/539/20/Rev.1 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/567/20), Turkmenistan, Tajikistan

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/553/20), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; 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/550/20), Canada (PC.DEL/562/20 OSCE+), Turkey, United States of America, Switzerland (PC.DEL/515/20 OSCE+), United Kingdom
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/525/20), Ukraine
- (c) *Remembrance of the victims of the deportation of the Crimean Tatar people from Crimea by the Soviet regime*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/555/20), Georgia (PC.DEL/547/20 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/563/20 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/524/20 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/526/20) (PC.DEL/544/20), Croatia-European Union, United States of America (PC.DEL/569/20)
- (d) *Russia's illegal conscription in Crimea in violation of the norms of international law*: United States of America (PC.DEL/536/20 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/546/20 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/559/20 OSCE+), Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/548/20), United Kingdom, Norway (PC.DEL/566/20), Ukraine (PC.DEL/552/20), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/527/20/Rev.1 OSCE+)

Point of order: Ukraine

- (e) *International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, observed on 17 May 2020*: Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries

Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/545/20), Malta (PC.DEL/541/20 OSCE+), Canada (also on behalf of Andorra, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/561/20/Rev.1 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/537/20), Holy See, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/543/20 OSCE+), Canada (also on behalf of Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/564/20 OSCE+)

- (f) *The case of Mr. Y. Dmitriev in the Russian Federation*: Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia; 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 Canada, Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/557/20), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/538/20 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/542/20 OSCE+)
- (g) *Recent sentencing of journalists in Belarus*: Croatia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Canada, in alignment) (PC.DEL/551/20), Switzerland (PC.DEL/549/20 OSCE+), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/540/20 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/528/20 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairmanship-in-Office (CIO.GAL/68/20 OSCE+): Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Activities of OSCE field operations in support of the responses of a number of host States to the COVID-19 pandemic*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/68/20 OSCE+)
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in a high-level meeting of representatives of the European Union, held on 15 May 2020*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/68/20 OSCE+)
- (c) *Telephone conversation between the Secretary General and the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on 19 May 2020*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/68/20 OSCE+)
- (d) *Issuance of a vacancy notice for the position of Deputy Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/68/20 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 28 May 2020, at 10 a.m., via video teleconference