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1. Date: Thursday, 22 January 2015

Opened: 10.10 a.m. Suspended: 12.40 p.m. Resumed: 3.15 p.m. Closed: 5.30 p.m.

- 2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Žugić
- 3. <u>Subjects discussed Statements Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

- ADDRESS BY THE CHAIR OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE, MR. ANDREW BURNS
- ADDRESS BY THE STATE SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY FOR
 FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA AND HEAD OF
 DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA TO THE HOLOCAUST
 REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE, AMBASSADOR ROKSANDA NINČIĆ

Chairperson, Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Head of Delegation of the Republic of Serbia to the Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/74/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/54/15), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/81/15), Canada, Turkey (PC.DEL/65/15 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/58/15 OSCE+), Norway, Belarus (PC.DEL/55/15 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/63/15 OSCE+), Armenia, United Kingdom (PC.DEL/60/15 OSCE+), Hungary (PC.DEL/70/15 OSCE+), Azerbaijan

(PC.DEL/69/15 OSCE+), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Switzerland, Israel (Partner for Co-operation), France, Latvia

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) Ongoing aggression against Ukraine and violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation: Ukraine (PC.DEL/59/15 OSCE+), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; 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, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/76/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/56/15), Canada, Turkey (PC.DEL/67/15 OSCE+), Switzerland
- (b) Situation in Ukraine and non-implementation of the Minsk agreements by the Ukrainian authorities: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/64/15), United Kingdom, Ukraine, United States of America, Germany
- (c) Abduction and illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation: Ukraine (PC.DEL/57/15 OSCE+), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; 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 Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/73/15)
- (d) Situation of civil society and NGOs in central Asia: United States of America (PC.DEL/61/15), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/66/15 OSCE+), Kazakhstan
- (e) Human rights situation in the Russian Federation: Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/77/15), Ukraine, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/79/15)
- (f) Freedom of expression in the OSCE area: Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Iceland 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/75/15), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/80/15), Belarus, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/71/15 OSCE+), Kazakhstan

- (g) Eighth anniversary of the death of Mr. H. Dink: Turkey (PC.DEL/68/15 OSCE+), Armenia
- (h) Response to the statement on the human rights situation in Sweden made at the 1031st meeting of the Permanent Council: Sweden

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

- (a) Joint visit to France from 19 to 21 January 2015 by the Personal Representatives of the Chairperson-in-Office: Chairperson
- (b) 51st meeting under the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism, co-chaired by the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus, held on 20 January 2015 in Ergneti: Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b) Meeting between the Secretary General and the Deputy Vice-Minister for Foreign Policy of Japan on 16 January 2015: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (c) Issuance of notes verbales requesting the reimbursement, in accordance with Staff Regulation 5.05, of taxes paid by local mission members: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (d) Appeal for the nomination of seconded candidates for the post of Director of the Border Management College in Dushanbe: Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE, Ambassador J. Domecq: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Spain, Chairperson
- (b) Language conforming of documents adopted by the Ministerial Council in the course of 2014, to be carried out on 30 January 2015: Switzerland
- (c) Parliamentary elections in Andorra, to be held on 1 March 2015: Andorra (Annex)
- (d) Amendment to the Citizenship Act in Estonia: Estonia

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 29 January 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ANDORRA

Mr. Chairperson,

I wish to inform the Permanent Council that the Parliamentary elections in the Principality of Andorra will be held on 1 March 2015.

In line with its OSCE commitments, the Government of the Principality of Andorra has invited the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE participating States that wish to do so to observe the election process.

The note verbale in this regard has been distributed on 15 January 2015.

I kindly ask that the text of this statement be attached to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.