
Chairmanship: Germany**1096th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**1. Date: Thursday, 14 April 2016Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 5.20 p.m.2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl
Ms. C. Weil3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
(ODIHR)

Chairperson, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/22/16), Netherlands-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, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/481/16/Rev.1), Belarus (PC.DEL/506/16 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/496/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/510/16 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/491/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/502/16), Kazakhstan, United States of America (PC.DEL/477/16), Armenia (PC.DEL/512/16), Ukraine (PC.DEL/498/16 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/495/16 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/488/16 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/494/16), Holy See (PC.DEL/476/16 OSCE+), Iceland (PC.DEL/479/16 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/499/16), Netherlands-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, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/482/16/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/474/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/497/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/511/16 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/493/16/Rev.1 OSCE+), France (PC.DEL/475/16), Chairperson
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/503/16), Ukraine
- (c) *Abduction and illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/500/16), Netherlands-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 Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/483/16/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/478/16), Canada (PC.DEL/492/16 OSCE+)
- (d) *Update on the investigation of the tragic events at Maidan and in Odessa in 2014:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/501/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/507/16), United States of America
- (e) *International Roma Day, observed on 8 April 2016:* Netherlands-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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/485/16/Rev.1)
- (f) *The death penalty in Belarus:* Netherlands-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 Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/486/16/Rev.1), Belarus
- (g) *Violations of international humanitarian law by Azerbaijan:* Armenia (PC.DEL/514/16), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/490/16 OSCE+) (PC.DEL/489/16 OSCE+), Chairperson

- (h) *Violation by Turkey of human rights and international humanitarian law with respect to the Kurdish minority*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/505/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/509/16), Armenia (PC.DEL/513/16), United States of America
- (i) *Developments in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*: United States of America (PC.DEL/480/16), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, 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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/484/16/Rev.1), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/504/16), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- (j) *Ensuring constitutional policing in the United States of America*: United States of America (PC.DEL/487/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/508/16), Norway

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

- (a) *Statement on the situation in eastern Ukraine, issued on 9 April 2016 by the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/52/16)
- (b) *Meeting of the OSCE Troika, held in Berlin on 12 April 2016*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/52/16)
- (c) *Efforts by the Chairperson-in-Office to de-escalate the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/52/16)
- (d) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Warsaw, to be undertaken on 19 April 2016*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/52/16)
- (e) *Visits to Moscow and The Hague by the Special Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016, to be undertaken on 19 and 20 April 2016*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/52/16)

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Head of the External Co-operation Section

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Release of the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2015 by the United States Department of State: United States of America

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 21 April 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal