

Chairmanship: Slovakia**1224th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 4 April 2019

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
Closed: 3.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč
Ambassador K. Žáková

Before taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Luis Cuesta Civís.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.FR/10/19 OSCE+), Romania-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/388/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/375/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/377/19), Turkey, Switzerland (PC.DEL/395/19 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE CHIEF MONITOR OF THE OSCE SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Discussion under agenda item 3

Agenda item 3: UPDATE BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE IN UKRAINE AND IN THE TRILATERAL CONTACT GROUP, AMBASSADOR MARTIN SAJDIK

Chairperson, Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (PC.FR/8/19 OSCE+), Deputy Head of the Office of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group, Romania-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 and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/389/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/378/19), Switzerland, Turkey (PC.DEL/394/19 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/384/19 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/379/19), Canada, Norway, Georgia (PC.DEL/392/19 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Holy See (PC.DEL/380/19 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/385/19)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE OSCE INFORMATION SECURITY ENHANCEMENT FUND

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1324 (PC.DEC/1324) on the extension of the OSCE Information Security Enhancement Fund, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

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

- (a) *First Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting of 2019, on “Upholding the Principles of Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, including in the Promotion and Protection of Freedom of Religion or Belief”, held in Vienna on 1 and 2 April 2019:* Chairperson
- (b) *Address by the Chairperson-in-Office to the US Helsinki Commission, delivered in Washington, D.C., on 3 April 2019:* Chairperson
- (c) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, to take place from 7 to 9 April 2019:* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Podgorica on 1 and 2 April 2019:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/61/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/61/19/Add.1 OSCE+)

- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in the 25th Session of the Procurement Network of the High-level Committee on Management, held in Vienna on 27 and 28 March 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/61/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/61/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Visit of the Secretary General to Copenhagen, to take place on 7 and 8 April 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/61/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/61/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Participation of the Secretary General in a joint retreat of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, the Slovak OSCE Chairmanship and the OSCE Secretariat, being held in Vienna on 4 April 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/61/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/61/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Annual Meeting of the OSCE Gender Focal Points, being held on 3 and 4 April 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/61/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/61/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (f) *Participation of the Secretary General on 4 April 2019 in a round table of the OSCE Communication and Media Relations Section, being held in Vienna on 4 and 5 April 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/61/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/61/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential election in Slovakia, held on 30 March 2019: Chairperson*
- (b) *Presidential election in Ukraine, held on 31 March 2019: Ukraine (PC.DEL/383/19), Romania-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 Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/390/19), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/382/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/381/19)*
- (c) *High-level interregional conference on “A ‘whole-of-society’ approach to preventing and countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism”, to be held in Ulaanbaatar on 20 and 21 June 2019: Mongolia*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 April 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1324
EXTENSION OF THE OSCE INFORMATION SECURITY
ENHANCEMENT FUND**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 1247 of 6 April 2017 to establish a separate Fund (Information Security Enhancement Fund) for the financing of the proposed information security enhancements in the value of 800,000 euros to be used through 6 April 2019,

Taking note of the document “Information Security Plan Quarterly Report to the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance” (PC.ACMF/22/19) of 1 April 2019,

Decides to:

Extend the duration of Information Security Enhancement Fund until 6 October 2020;

Further decides that:

Any funds remaining available in the Fund at the time of completion of the activities will be treated in accordance with Financial Regulation 7.07;

Requests:

The Secretary General as Fund Manager to administer the Fund in accordance with Article VII of the Financial Regulations and to provide reports on the implementation of the Fund quarterly or more frequently if required;

The Secretary General as Fund Manager to ensure that the activities foreseen under this Fund are completed in the most cost-effective and timely manner.