
Chairmanship: Austria**1154th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 13 July 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja

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

Agenda item 1: **REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
SKOPJE**

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Skopje (PC.FR/16/17 OSCE+), Estonia-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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1017/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/980/17 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1007/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/997/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/975/17), Albania (PC.DEL/1002/17 OSCE+), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/986/17 OSCE+)

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

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana (PC.FR/19/17 OSCE+), 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 Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1018/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/981/17 OSCE+),

Switzerland (PC.DEL/1008/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/999/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/977/17), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/1006/17 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1011/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: 2016 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OSCE RECRUITMENT POLICIES

Chairperson, Deputy Director of the Department of Human Resources/Head, Talent Management Section, 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 Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1024/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/982/17/Corr.1 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/978/17), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/988/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE 2017 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1262 (PC.DEC/1262) on the 2017 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE 26th ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1263 (PC.DEC/1263) on the theme, agenda and modalities for the 26th Economic and Environmental and Environmental Forum, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1000/17), 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, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1023/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1027/17 OSCE+), Turkey

(PC.DEL/1001/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/992/17), Canada (PC.DEL/1015/17 OSCE+)

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1004/17), Ukraine
- (c) *Twenty-second anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina:* 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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1025/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/993/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/998/17 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1009/17 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/1028/17 OSCE+)
- (d) *Intensification of the process of fortifying the occupation line in the Tskhinvali region of Georgia:* Georgia (PC.DEL/1019/17 OSCE+), Canada (also on behalf of Norway) (PC.DEL/1016/17 OSCE+), 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; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1021/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/995/17), Russian Federation
- (e) *Arrests of human rights defenders in Turkey:* 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 Armenia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1020/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/994/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/1022/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Informal meeting of the OSCE Ministers for Foreign Affairs, held in Mauerbach, Austria, on 11 July 2017:* Chairperson
- (b) *OSCE senior staff appointments:* Chairperson
- (c) *Chairmanship's beach volleyball tournament, held on 8 July 2017:* Chairperson
- (d) *OSCE-wide conference on "Combating the Threat of Illicit Drugs and the Diversion of Chemical Precursors: The Nexus between Illicit Drugs, Organized Crime and Terrorism", held on 10 and 11 July 2017:* Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

- (a) *Investigation into the tragic incident of 23 April 2017 involving a patrol of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SEC.GAL/99/17 OSCE+)*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b) *Participation of the Director of the Office of the Secretary General in the twenty-sixth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Minsk from 5 to 9 July 2017 (SEC.GAL/99/17 OSCE+)*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (c) *Visit of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings to Ukraine from 4 to 7 July 2017 (SEC.GAL/99/17 OSCE+)*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (d) *Workshop on security sector governance and reform, held in Chisinau from 4 to 7 July 2017 (SEC.GAL/99/17 OSCE+)*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (e) *Announcement of the distribution of the OSCE Secretariat Visibility Report for the period May–June 2017 (SEC.GAL/99/17 OSCE+)*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE, Ambassador F. Löjdquist*: Chairperson, Sweden
- (b) *Conference on the “Safety of Journalists – New Challenges and Responses”, held in Vilnius on 3 July 2017*: Lithuania (PC.DEL/996/17 OSCE+)
- (c) *Investigation into the crash involving Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777-200, Flight MH17 on 17 July 2014*: Netherlands
- (d) *Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Minsk from 5 to 9 July 2017*: Belarus (PC.DEL/1026/17 OSCE+)
- (e) *Postponement of the second 2017 Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on “Access to Justice as a Key Element of the Rule of Law”, scheduled to be held on 17 and 18 July 2017*: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 20 July 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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DECISION No. 1262
2017 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

(Palermo, Italy, 24 and 25 October 2017)

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the offer by Italy to host the 2017 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, and further to discussions with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to reschedule the 2017 OSCE Mediterranean Conference in Palermo, Italy, for 24 and 25 October 2017;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference, as contained in the annex.

This decision supersedes Permanent Council Decision No. 1245 of 9 March 2017 on the dates and venue of the 2017 OSCE Mediterranean Conference.

AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2017 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON LARGE MOVEMENTS OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Palermo, Italy, 24 and 25 October 2017

I. Indicative agenda

Introduction

OSCE Ministerial Decision No. 3/16 on the OSCE's role in the governance of large movements of migrants and refugees addresses the issue of large-scale movements of migrants and refugees and anchors migration management to the OSCE agenda. The decision makes a specific reference to "reinforcing activities leading to the exchange of best practices and enhancing dialogue and co-operation with Partners for Co-operation".

Against this backdrop, the 2017 OSCE Mediterranean Conference and in particular its high-level political segment will focus on the topic of large movements of migrants and refugees across the Mediterranean and on the challenges, such as security-related issues, as well as opportunities they entail for countries on all shores of the basin and beyond, with a view to turning consequent emergencies and crises into opportunities for renewed regional and international co-operation.

The first session will delve into the increased risks for smuggling and trafficking in human beings arising from large movements of refugees and migrants.

The second session will be devoted to the opportunities arising from migration and the role of integration policies for growth, sustainable development, peace and stability.

The third session will delve into the core of successful integration as a common responsibility based on a twofold approach, with a focus on combating all forms of intolerance, racism, xenophobia, and discrimination, also based on religious grounds.

The Conference will provide the participating States and Partners for Co-operation with an opportunity to exchange views, experiences, best practices, and lessons learned with a view to exploring together successful co-operative approaches to the issues posed by increased migration and refugee flows both in transit and receiving countries. The Conference will also serve as a platform to further develop dialogue and enhance co-operation for the sake of enhancing security in the Mediterranean, in line with the OSCE principles and commitments.

Tuesday, 24 October 2017

- Registration of participants
- Opening remarks
- High-level political segment on advancing Mediterranean security and co-operation in an age of large movements of migrants and refugees: challenges, including security related issues, and opportunities
- Photo opportunity
- Chairmanship of the Mediterranean Contact Group's side event
- Lunch
- Session I: Countering smuggling and trafficking in human beings: a major common challenge in time of large movements of migrants and refugees
- Coffee break
- Session II: The economic and social potential of migration and the role of integration policies for inclusive growth, sustainable development, peace and stability

Wednesday, 25 October 2017

- Registration of participants
- Session III: Successful integration, a common responsibility based on a two-fold approach: encouraging social inclusion of migrants and refugees and combating intolerance, racism, xenophobia, and discrimination, also based on religious grounds
- Concluding remarks
- Closing lunch

II. Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Conference. The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Adriatic Ionian Initiative, African Development Bank, African Union, Central European Initiative, Collective

Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, Eurasian Economic Union, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, European Union, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, Financial Action Task Force, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Labour Organisation, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, Inter-parliamentary Union, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, Middle East and North Africa Region Financial Action Task Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Union for the Mediterranean, UN Habitat, United Nations, UN Al-Qaida Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Cities and Local Governments, UNICEF, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UN Women, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the World Bank.

Additional organizations may be invited by the host country to observe the Conference.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

Other countries may be invited by the host country to attend and may be invited to contribute to the Conference.

III. Organizational Modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.30 a.m. on the first day and end at 2 p.m. on the second day.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chairperson. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.

Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.

The 2017 OSCE Mediterranean Conference will be held in English, French and Italian with interpretation. This arrangement will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken into account.

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DECISION No. 1263
THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE
26th ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

The Permanent Council,

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs 21 to 32, of the Helsinki Document 1992; Chapter IX, paragraph 20, of the Budapest Document 1994; Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/04 of 7 December 2004; Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/06 of 26 July 2006; Permanent Council Decision No. 743 of 19 October 2006; Permanent Council Decision No. 958 of 11 November 2010; and Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 of 7 December 2011,

Relying on the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension (Annex 1 of MC(11).JOUR/2) and relevant Ministerial Council decisions,

Building on the outcomes of past Economic and Environmental Forums, as well as on the results of relevant OSCE activities,

Decides that:

1. The theme of the 26th Economic and Environmental Forum will be: “Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area through innovation, human capital development, and good public and corporate governance”;
2. The 26th Economic and Environmental Forum will consist of three meetings, including two preparatory meetings, one of which will take place outside of Vienna. The concluding meeting will be held from 5 to 7 September 2018 in Prague. These arrangements shall not set a precedent for future meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forum. The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2018, will organize the above-mentioned meetings;
3. The agenda of the Forum will focus on the impact of the following topics on the comprehensive security of the OSCE area:
 - The role of the digital economy as a driver for innovation, competitiveness and growth;

- Human capital development as a means of promoting social equity and economic competitiveness by increasing knowledge, skills and competences;
 - Strengthening good public and corporate governance through transparency and accountability;
 - Good economic governance to enable good investment climate, business development and connectivity;
4. The agendas of the Forum meetings, including timetables and themes of the working sessions, will be proposed and determined by the OSCE Chairmanship for 2018, after being agreed upon by the participating States in the Economic and Environmental Committee;
5. The Economic and Environmental Forum will review the implementation of the OSCE's commitments in the economic and environmental dimension, including through presentations of activities implemented by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities and the Field Operations;
6. The discussions at the Forum should benefit from cross-dimensional input provided by other OSCE bodies and relevant meetings organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2018, and from deliberations in various international organizations;
7. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level by senior officials responsible for shaping international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area. Participation in their delegations of representatives from the business and scientific communities and of other relevant actors of civil society would be welcome;
8. As in previous years, the format of the Economic and Environmental Forum should provide for the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions;
9. The following international organizations, international organs, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the 26th Economic and Environmental Forum: Asian Development Bank; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation; Central European Initiative; Collective Security Treaty Organization; Commonwealth of Independent States; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia; Council of Europe; Council of the Baltic Sea States; Economic Cooperation Organization; Energy Community; Eurasian Economic Commission; Eurasian Economic Union; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Environment Agency; European Investment Bank; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Green Cross International; European Investment Bank; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Energy Agency; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea; International Maritime Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; International Committee of the Red Cross; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC); OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID); Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organisation of Islamic Cooperation; Regional Cooperation Council; Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to

Combat Desertification; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Human Settlements Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees; UN Women; United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia; World Bank Group; World Health Organization; World Meteorological Organization; World Trade Organization; Advisory Group on Environmental Emergencies; Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; United Nations Children's Fund; Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI); United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination; International Civil Defence Organization; World Food Programme; Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery; Inter-Parliamentary Union; Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC); Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC); Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity; and other relevant organizations;

10. The OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the 26th Economic and Environmental Forum;

11. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings or expert academics and business representatives may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the 26th Economic and Environmental Forum;

12. Subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs 15 and 16, of the Helsinki Document 1992, the representatives of non-governmental organizations with relevant experience in the area under discussion are also invited to participate in the 26th Economic and Environmental Forum;

13. The 2018 Preparatory Meetings will be held in English and Russian with interpretation. This arrangement will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.