
Chairmanship: Slovakia**1218th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 28 February 2019

Opened: 10 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč
Mr. B. Lysák

Before taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Igor Djundev.

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

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

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro (PC.FR/5/19 OSCE+), Romania-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; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/202/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/189/19), Norway (PC.DEL/215/19), Turkey (PC.DEL/196/19 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/190/19), Montenegro (PC.DEL/212/19 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/34/19 OSCE+)

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/210/19), Romania-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/203/19), Switzerland (PC.DEL/201/19 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/214/19 OSCE+), United States of America, Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/191/19), Ukraine
- (c) *The situation of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the Russian Federation:* Romania-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 countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Australia, Canada, Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/204/19), United States of America, Switzerland (PC.DEL/200/19 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/198/19 OSCE+), Ukraine
- (d) *Human rights situation in Turkey:* Romania-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 countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/205/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/192/19), Switzerland, Turkey
- (e) *Five years since the reunification of Crimea with the Russian Federation:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/194/19)
- (f) *Five years of illegal occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol by the Russian Federation:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/209/19), Canada, Switzerland (PC.DEL/199/19 OSCE+), Romania-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 Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/206/19/Rev.1), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/193/19), Turkey (PC.DEL/213/19 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/216/19 OSCE+)
- (g) *Violation of religious rights and persecution of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/197/19), Ukraine (PC.DEL/211/19)
- (h) *Parliamentary elections and post-electoral perspectives in Moldova:* Moldova (PC.DEL/195/19 OSCE+), Romania-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 country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/207/19), United States of America, Russian Federation

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

- (a) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Geneva to address the United Nations Human Rights Council and to meet the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), undertaken on 26 February 2019:* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Strasbourg to address the Council of Europe, undertaken on 27 February 2019:* Chairperson
- (c) *Informal consultations on the budget of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, to be held on 1 March 2019:* Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the 18th Winter Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Vienna on 21 and 22 February 2019:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/33/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/33/19/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with a representative of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie on 15 February 2019:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/33/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/33/19/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (c) *Participation of the Secretary General in a round-table discussion on regional political challenges in the Western Balkans on 14 February 2019:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/33/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/33/19/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (d) *Participation of the Acting Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in the international conference “Trafficking in Human Beings: Policies to Combat the Phenomenon and Protect its Victims”, held in Turin, Italy, on 25 and 26 February 2019:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/33/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/33/19/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (e) *Participation on 22 February of the Acting Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in the 72nd session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, being held in Geneva from 18 February to 8 March 2019:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/33/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/33/19/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (f) *Upcoming presentation by the Secretary General of the main findings of the OSCE-led survey on the well-being and safety of women:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/33/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/33/19/Add.1 OSCE+)

- (g) *Secretary General's hour with the heads of delegations, to be held on 12 March 2019 (SEC.INF/17/19/Restr.): Secretary General (SEC.GAL/33/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/33/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE, Ambassador S. MacLeod: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), United Kingdom*
- (b) *Federal and regional elections in Belgium, to be held on 26 May 2019: Belgium*
- (c) *OSCE High-Level Regional Conference on Countering Terrorist Financing and Addressing Potential Links with Organized Crime, to be held in Ashgabat on 17 and 18 April 2019: Turkmenistan*
- (d) *Defender of Democracy Award, to be presented in Vienna on 11 March 2019: Sweden (also on behalf of Canada, Denmark, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/208/19 OSCE+), Armenia*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 7 March 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal