
Chairmanship: Slovakia**1219th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 7 March 2019

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 5.40 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 the United Kingdom to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Neil Bush.

3. 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/13/19 OSCE+), 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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/251/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/243/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/236/19), Turkey, Kazakhstan, Norway (PC.DEL/256/19), Switzerland (PC.DEL/246/19 OSCE+), Canada, Ukraine (PC.DEL/262/19), Holy See (PC.DEL/235/19 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/265/19 OSCE+), Bulgaria (PC.DEL/259/19), Iceland, North Macedonia (PC.DEL/268/19 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/240/19 OSCE+), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Romania-European Union, Tajikistan

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE OSCE
MENENGAGE NETWORK, AMBASSADOR
ANDREJ BENEDEJČIČ; AND
MS. BARBORA BURAJOVÁ,
COORDINATING-METHODICAL CENTRE ON
GENDER-BASED AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
SLOVAKIA, ON THE OCCASION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Chairperson, Chairperson of the OSCE MenEngage Network (PC.DEL/241/19), Ms. B. Burajová, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/238/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/239/19), Norway (PC.DEL/257/19), Turkey, Switzerland (PC.DEL/248/19 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 country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/252/19), Canada, Belarus (PC.DEL/264/19 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/242/19 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/266/19 OSCE+), Iceland (PC.DEL/258/19 OSCE+), Armenia, Spain, Holy See (PC.DEL/250/19 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), United Kingdom, Portugal (PC.DEL/260/19), Slovakia

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/263/19), 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/253/19), United States of America (PC.DEL/237/19), Turkey (PC.DEL/247/19 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/249/19 OSCE+), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/244/19), Ukraine
- (c) *Continuing violations of linguistic and educational rights in Estonia:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/245/19), Estonia

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Recommitment to the ceasefire in eastern Ukraine, agreed within the Working Group on Security Issues of the Trilateral Contact Group:* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Azerbaijan on 4 and 5 March 2019:* Chairperson

- (c) *Briefing on security sector governance and reform (SSG/R), to be held on 8 March 2019: Chairperson*
- (d) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Armenia, to take place on 12 and 13 March 2019: Chairperson*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Brussels on 6 March 2019: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/37/19 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in the meeting of the Group of Friends of Youth and Security held in Vienna on 1 March 2019: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/37/19 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Participation of the Secretary General, on 16 and 17 February 2019, in the Munich Security Conference 2019: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/37/19 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Policy regarding the distribution of documents: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/37/19 OSCE+), Chairperson*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE, Ambassador V. González Román: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Spain*
- (b) *Zero Discrimination Day, observed on 1 March 2019: 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 country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/254/19)*
- (c) *Elections to the European Parliament, to be held in the Member States of the European Union from 23 to 26 May 2019: Romania-European Union (PC.DEL/255/19)*
- (d) *General election in Spain, to be held on 28 April 2019: Spain (Annex)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 14 March 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to inform you that on 5 March, as proposed by the Prime Minister, His Majesty the King of Spain issued a decree dissolving Parliament and calling a general election for 28 April.

In accordance with the Copenhagen Document of 1990 and the provisions of the Charter for European Security of 1999, the Government of Spain has invited the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) to observe this election.

An ODIHR Needs Assessment Mission travelled to Spain on Monday, 4 March, to prepare for observing the election.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.