Chairmanship: Serbia

1056th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 4 June 2015
   
   Opened: 10.05 a.m.
   Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
   Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
   Closed: 4.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Žugić

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

   Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALTA, H.E. GEORGE VELLA

   Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta, Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/733/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/725/15), Russian Federation, Turkey, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/739/15 OSCE+), Norway, Spain, Armenia (PC.DEL/726/15), Ukraine (PC.DEL/743/15 OSCE+), Egypt (Partner for Co-operation), Jordan (Partner for Co-operation)

   Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN

   Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan (PC.FR/21/15 OSCE+), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment)
Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson, Secretary General

(a) Ongoing aggression against Ukraine and violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation: Ukraine (PC.DEL/742/15 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/732/15), Switzerland (PC.DEL/745/15 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/740/15 OSCE+), Latvia-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; 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 Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/735/15), Norway, Canada

(b) Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements: Russian Federation, Ukraine, Germany, United States of America, France

(c) Abolition of the death penalty in the state of Nebraska, United States of America: Latvia-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 Andorra, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/736/15), Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Switzerland), United States of America (PC.DEL/730/15)

(d) Detention of human rights defenders Ms. E. Urlaeva and Mr. A. Farmonov in Uzbekistan: United States of America (PC.DEL/731/15), Uzbekistan

(e) International Day for Protection of Children, observed on 1 June 2015: Russian Federation, Belarus (PC.DEL/746/15 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/738/15 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Armenia

(f) Proposed amendments to education legislation in Latvia: Russian Federation, Latvia

(g) Situation of the Romani people in Norway: Norway, United States of America

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

(a) Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Baku, Tbilisi and Yerevan from 1 to 3 June 2015: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/79/15)
b) Fifty-sixth meeting of the Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM), held on 4 June 2015: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/79/15)

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(a) Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

(b) Appeal for the nomination of candidates for the post of Head of the Community Security Initiative Project: OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Reform efforts aimed at strengthening democracy, the rule of law and good governance in Ukraine: Ukraine (PC.DEL/744/15 OSCE+), Latvia-European Union (PC.DEL/737/15)

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 9 June 2015, at 10.30 a.m., in the Ratsaal