

Chairmanship: Serbia

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1064th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Wednesday, 19 August 2015

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Žugić

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, the new Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, H.E. Claude Wild, and the new Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE, H.E. Sian MacLeod.

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

Agenda item 1: BRIEFING BY THE CHIEF MONITOR OF THE OSCE
SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Chairperson, Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (PC.FR/28/15 OSCE+) (PC.FR/28/15/Add.1 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1103/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-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/1113/15), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1112/15 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1107/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1097/15 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1096/15), France (PC.DEL/1109/15), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1108/15 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Abduction and illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1110/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-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/1114/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1100/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1099/15 OSCE+), Russian Federation
- (b) *Human rights and fundamental freedoms in Azerbaijan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1101/15) (PC.DEL/1111/15), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1115/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1098/15 OSCE+), Norway, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1102/15 OSCE+) (PC.DEL/1106/15 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Federal election in Canada to be held on 19 October 2015:* Canada (PC.DEL/1104/15 OSCE+)
- (b) *Draft decision on the 2015 supplementary budget for the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights:* United States of America, Chairperson
- (c) *Regular local elections to be held in Ukraine on 25 October 2015:* Ukraine
- (d) *OSCE Chairmanship Conference “Working with Youth for Youth: Protection against Radicalization”, to be held in Belgrade on 3 and 4 September 2015:* Chairperson
- (e) *OSCE Chairmanship Conference “Lessons of the Second World War: Memories and Public Policies”, to be held in Belgrade on 8 September 2015:* Chairperson
- (f) *Conference on “the enhancement of mechanisms to cope with the increasing spread of illicit drugs amongst young people”, to be held in Vienna on 10 and 11 September 2015:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 25 August 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal