
Chairmanship: Germany**1119th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 17 November 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl

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

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

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/30/16 OSCE+), Slovakia-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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1595/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1584/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1600/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1580/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1577/16), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1586/16 OSCE+), Moldova

Agenda item 2: **REPORT BY THE CHIEF OBSERVER OF THE OSCE
OBSERVER MISSION AT TWO RUSSIAN CHECKPOINTS
ON THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN BORDER**

Chairperson, Chief Observer of the OSCE Observer Mission (PC.FR/29/16 OSCE+), Slovakia-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 Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1596/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1578/16) (PC.DEL/1579/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1602/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1604/16 OSCE+), Canada, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1588/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation

Agenda item 3: UPDATE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON
MIGRATION-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/174/16 OSCE+), Slovakia-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 Andorra, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1597/16/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/1583/16), Ukraine, Turkey (PC.DEL/1591/16 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1601/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1589/16), Slovakia-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 Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1598/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1603/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1605/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1581/16), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1585/16)
- (c) *Violations of the linguistic rights of national minorities in Latvia and Lithuania:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1587/16), Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine
- (d) *Concerns regarding freedom of association in Turkey:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1582/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1606/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Participation of the Chairperson-in-Office and the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany on Youth and Security in a conference organized in co-operation with the Schwarzkopf Foundation Young Europe, held in Berlin on 10 and 11 November 2016:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/207/16)

- (b) *Opening by the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 of an international conference on the promotion of national minorities by their “mother countries” in Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th and 21st century, held in Berlin on 9 November 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/207/16)*

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Vice President of the International Peace Institute on 16 November 2016: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with members of the Mongolian parliament on 14 November 2016: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (c) *Participation of the Secretary General in the Vienna Migration Conference, held on 10 and 11 November 2016: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (d) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on 10 November 2016: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (e) *Participation of the Secretary General in the 2016 Regional Meeting of Heads of OSCE Field Operations in the South Caucasus, held on 11 November 2016: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (f) *Power Breakfast on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Iceland, held on 14 November 2016: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*
- (g) *Workshop on Strengthening Co-operation between the OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and participating States in the area of border security and management, being held in Valletta from 15 to 17 November 2016: Director of the Office of the Secretary General*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Organizational matters related to the Twenty-Third Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, to be held in Hamburg, Germany, on 8 and 9 December 2016: Chairperson*
- (b) *Announcement of an ambassadorial charity concert to be held in Vienna on 23 November 2016: Chairperson*

- (c) *Migration policy in the European Union: Slovakia-European Union, Russian Federation, United States of America, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 24 November 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal