
Chairmanship: Austria

1164th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 16 November 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 5.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja
Mr. K. Iro

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, H.E. NILS MUIŽNIEKS

Chairperson, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe (PC.DEL/1561/17), Estonia-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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1569/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1530/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1531/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1548/17 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1563/17 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1558/17 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1545/17 OSCE+), Andorra (PC.DEL/1560/17 OSCE+), Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/1574/17), Armenia, Italy

1 Contains a correction to agenda item 8(c).

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL
MINORITIES

Chairperson, High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/1/17 Restr.), Estonia-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; and the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1570/17), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1559/17 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1532/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1533/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1539/17 OSCE+), Turkey, Norway (PC.DEL/1536/17), Canada (PC.DEL/1565 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Hungary (PC.DEL/1555/17 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1549/17), Georgia, Holy See (PC.DEL/1534/17 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/1562/17 OSCE+), Spain, Albania (PC.DEL/1540/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO
MOLDOVA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/25/17 OSCE+), Estonia-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; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1568/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1543/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1538/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/1566/17 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1551/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1546/17 OSCE+), Moldova

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA TO
THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1271 (PC.DEC/1271) on forwarding of a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1552/17), Estonia-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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment)

(PC.DEL/1571/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1541/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1550/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1567/17 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1564/17 OSCE+)

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1547/17), Ukraine, Switzerland
- (c) *Situation of LGBTI persons in the Russian Federation:* Estonia-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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1573/17), United States of America (also on behalf of Canada) (PC.DEL/1542/17), Russian Federation, Ukraine
- (d) *Latvian draft law on the status of participants in the Second World War:* Latvia (PC.DEL/1554/17), Russian Federation

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Visit of a representative of the Chairperson-in-Office to Montenegro and Albania, conducted on 14 and 15 November 2017:* Chairperson
- (b) *Preparations for the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, to be held in Vienna on 7 and 8 December 2017:* Chairperson
- (c) *Third Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on “Access to justice as a key element of the rule of law”, being held on 16 and 17 November 2017:* Chairperson
- (d) *Appointment of Ambassador G. Varga as Head of the OSCE Observer Mission at the Russian Checkpoints of Gukovo and Donetsk (CIO.GAL/219/17 OSCE+):* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:* Head of Conference and Language Services
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Uzbekistan from 9 to 11 November 2017:* Head of Conference and Language Services
- (c) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, held in Rome on 14 November 2017:* Head of Conference and Language Services

- (d) *Round-table discussion on best practices in combating corruption and other related serious crimes, held in Kyiv on 9 and 10 November 2017: Head of Conference and Language Services*
- (e) *Central Asian regional seminar on sound waste management, held in Ashgabat on 13 and 14 November 2017: Head of Conference and Language Services*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Municipal elections in Georgia, held on 21 October and 12 November 2017: Georgia, Estonia-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 Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1572/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1544/17)*
- (b) *Presidential elections in Cyprus, to be held on 28 January 2018: Cyprus*
- (c) *Participation of persons affiliated with terrorism in the Third Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on “Access to Justice as a Key Element of the Rule of Law”, being held on 16 and 17 November 2017: Turkey, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 23 November 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1271
FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to request the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson of the Ministerial Council a draft agenda for the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.