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**Chairmanship: Italy****1178th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 8 March 2018

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 5.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Azzoni  
Ambassador L. Fratini

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

Agenda item 1: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: ADDRESS BY THE  
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE  
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON GENDER,  
AMBASSADOR MELANNE VERVEER

Chairperson, Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Gender (CIO.GAL/15/18 OSCE+), Bulgaria-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 countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/258/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/255/17), Norway (PC.DEL/264/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/237/18), Kazakhstan, Slovenia (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/249/18), Canada, Switzerland (PC.DEL/239/18 OSCE+), Russian

Federation (PC.DEL/238/18), Georgia (PC.DEL/265/18 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/245/18 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/247/18 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/242/18 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Armenia, Germany, Bulgaria-European Union, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues

Agenda item 2:           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/13/18), Bulgaria-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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/259/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/256/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/240/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/272/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/243/18), Norway (PC.DEL/263/18), Kazakhstan, Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/241/18) (PC.DEL/251/18), Georgia (PC.DEL/267/18 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/246/18 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/248/18 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Holy See (PC.DEL/244/18 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/271/18 OSCE+), Armenia, Bulgaria-European Union

Agenda item 3:           REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/257/18), Bulgaria-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 and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/260/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/252/18 OSCE+), Turkey, United States of America (PC.DEL/250/18), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/262/18), Ukraine, United States of America (PC.DEL/268/18)
- (c) *Recent developments in the Transdniestrian settlement process in Moldova:* Moldova (PC.DEL/266/18 OSCE+), Bulgaria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/261/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/253/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/254/18), Ukraine, Chairperson

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

- (a)    *Open-ended informal reflection process on the participation of civil society organizations in OSCE meetings and events*: Chairperson
- (b)    *Extension of the appointment of the Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine*: Chairperson
- (c)    *OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference, to be held in Rome on 10 and 11 May 2018 (CIO.GAL/16/18 OSCE+)*: Chairperson
- (d)    *Parliamentary elections in Italy, held on 4 March 2018*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)    *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/42/18/Rev.1)*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b)    *Visit of the Secretary General to the United States of America from 27 February to 3 March 2018 (SEC.GAL/42/18/Rev.1)*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c)    *Visit of the Secretary General to Brussels on 5 March 2018 (SEC.GAL/42/18/Rev.1)*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d)    *Meeting of the Secretary General with the President of Austria on 6 March 2018 (SEC.GAL/42/18/Rev.1)*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e)    *Planned visits and meetings of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/42/18/Rev.1)*: Netherlands, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 6:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4.    Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 March 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal