



Chairmanship: Slovakia

1214th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 31 January 2019

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.
Resumed: 3.10 p.m.
Closed: 4.00 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Boháč
Mr. B. Lysák

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

Agenda item 1: **COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Chairperson, Italy (on behalf of the Chairperson of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) (PC.DEL/77/19 OSCE+), Romania-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/97/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/84/19), Norway (PC.DEL/118/19), Turkey, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/89/19 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/99/19 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/80/19), Israel (Partner for Co-operation), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/90/19 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/116/19), Ukraine (PC.DEL/113/19 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/103/19 OSCE+), Germany (PC.DEL/81/19 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/86/19 OSCE+), Bulgaria (PC.DEL/92/19), Albania (PC.DEL/107/19 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/79/19 OSCE+), Moldova, Latvia (PC.DEL/93/19), Portugal (PC.DEL/106/19 OSCE+), Poland (PC.DEL/115/19 OSCE+), Lithuania, Estonia

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION IN
 KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/1/19 OSCE+), Romania-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 countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/96/19), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/83/19), Norway (PC.DEL/121/19), Turkey, Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/82/19), Finland (also on behalf of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (Annex 1), Spain (Annex 2), Cyprus (Annex 3), Albania (PC.DEL/105/19 OSCE+), Serbia

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Ratification Process for the Prespa Agreement*: Romania-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; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/98/19), Greece, United States of America (PC.DEL/85/19), Switzerland, Albania (PC.DEL/104/19 OSCE+), Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/91/19 OSCE+)
- (b) *Developments related to the Transdniestrian settlement process and the importance of its mediation within the OSCE*: Moldova, United States of America (PC.DEL/87/19), Ukraine (PC.DEL/114/19 OSCE+), Romania-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; and the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/101/19), Georgia (PC.DEL/117/19 OSCE+), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/94/19)

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

- (a) *Appointment of H.E. Mr. J. Boender, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the OSCE, as Chairperson of the Informal Working Group on the Structured Dialogue*: Chairperson

- (b) *Reappointment of H.E. Mr. H. Tichy as Chairperson of the Informal Working Group on Strengthening the Legal Framework of the OSCE: Chairperson, Netherlands*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the first preparatory meeting for the Twenty-Seventh OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum on “Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area through energy co-operation, new technologies, good governance and connectivity in the digital era”, held in Vienna on 28 and 29 January 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/23/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/23/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General, on 24 and 25 January 2019, in the 48th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, held in Davos, Switzerland, from 22 to 25 January 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/23/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/23/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Participation of the OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues in a regional conference on “The Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings in Supply Chains through Government Practices and Measures”, held in Athens on 30 and 31 January 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/23/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/23/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Participation of the Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities in the Sixth European Union-Central Asia High-Level Conference on Environment and Water Co-operation, held in Tashkent on 24 and 25 January 2019: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/23/19 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/23/19/Add.1 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 1 February 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FINLAND
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA,
CANADA, CROATIA, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK,
ESTONIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, ICELAND, IRELAND, ITALY,
LATVIA, LITHUANIA, MALTA, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY,
SLOVENIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)**

Mr. Chairperson,

I am making this statement in a national capacity and also on behalf of Germany, the United States of America, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

Mr. Chairperson,

We appreciate the excellent work carried out by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo in order to support the authorities of the country in strengthening their institutions. We are pleased to welcome Ambassador Jan Braathu to the Permanent Council and look forward to continuing to work with him in a constructive manner.

We welcome the fact that the Mission is continuously adapting its activities to Kosovo's needs. We recall that the Mission is among the largest of the OSCE field operations and that it plays an essential role in Kosovo. Therefore, we consider it essential to have contacts between participating States and technical representatives of the Kosovo administrations co-operating with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo. We look forward to continuing this practice and would encourage the Chairperson to do this on the occasion of Ambassador Braathu's next report.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

Mr. Chairperson,

Spain subscribes to the statement made by the European Union on this topic and would like once again to express its support for the important work carried out by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo together with other international institutions present on the territory of Kosovo. We would also like to thank Ambassador Jan Braathu for his statement and activity report and express our appreciation for the work that he is carrying out together with his team.

Mr. Chairperson,

Like other participating States, Spain does not recognize the territory of Kosovo as a State and believes that any action concerning the OSCE Mission in Kosovo should be in keeping, as a frame of reference, with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

Progress in the dialogue under the auspices of the European Union between the authorities in Belgrade and Priština is an essential prerequisite in the pursuit by both of their respective paths towards Europe. In that regard, the territory of Kosovo has its own specific framework for relations within the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

Spain continues to believe that dialogue and negotiation are the only possible means for resolving the conflict regarding the territory of Kosovo and that there is no point in attempting to make progress in the recognition of the territory unless a lasting agreement between the authorities in Belgrade and Priština is arrived at beforehand.

Mr. Chairperson,

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CYPRUS

Mr. Chairperson,

The Republic of Cyprus fully subscribes to the statement made by the European Union, and would like once again to express its support for the important work carried out by Ambassador Jan Braathu and the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to reiterate that the Republic of Cyprus does not recognize the 2008 Unilateral Declaration of Independence by Kosovo.

In this context, my delegation would like to recall that any initiative with regards to the OSCE Mission in Kosovo should be consistent with the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), which provides the Mission's mandate, along with Permanent Council Decision No. 305 of 1 July 1999.

I would like to ask for the statement to be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.