



Chairmanship: Italy

1209th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 13 December 2018

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 12.50 p.m.
Resumed: 3.20 p.m.
Suspended: 5 p.m.
Resumed: 6.05 p.m.
Closed: 7.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Azzoni
Mr. M. Lapadura

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, also on behalf of the Council, offered condolences to France, and to the families of the victims, on the shooting incident that occurred in Strasbourg, France, on 11 December 2018.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, also welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Ambassador Florian Raunig. The Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE thanked the Chairperson for his welcoming remarks.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON COMBATING CORRUPTION, MS. PAOLA SEVERINO

Chairperson, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Corruption (CIO.GAL/184/18 OSCE+), Austria-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 Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1536/18), United States of America

(PC.DEL/1510/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1508/18), Turkey (PC.DEL/1552/18 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/1526/18 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1558/18 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1548/18 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/1556/18)

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE
SECURITY COMMITTEE AND OF THE HUMAN
DIMENSION COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Security Committee, Chairperson of the Human Dimension Committee (PC.DEL/1535/18 OSCE+), Austria-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/1537/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/1511/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1509/18), Turkey (PC.DEL/1553/18 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/1528/18 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1549/18 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1522/18), Azerbaijan

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and the illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1523/18), Austria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; 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/1538/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1551/18 OSCE+), Turkey, United States of America (PC.DEL/1512/18), Canada (PC.DEL/1559/18 OSCE+)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1560/18), Ukraine
- (c) *The death penalty in Belarus and the United States of America:* Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/1545/18), Austria-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; as well as Andorra, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment)(PC.DEL/1539/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/1529/18), Belarus (PC.DEL/1521/18 OSCE+)
- (d) *Ukrainian military provocation in the Black Sea:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1544/18)

Point of order: Ukraine, Russian Federation, Chairperson, United Kingdom, Austria-European Union, Switzerland, Georgia, Canada, France

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

- (a) *Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, held in Milan, Italy, on 6 and 7 December 2018*: Chairperson
- (b) *Closing event of the Italian OSCE Chairmanship, to be held on 18 December 2018*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, held in Milan, Italy, on 6 and 7 December 2018*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/196/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/196/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in the first annual high-level meeting between the European Union and the OSCE, held in Brussels on 12 December 2018*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/196/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/196/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (c) *Visit to Austria by the Acting Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, undertaken from 21 November to 12 December 2018*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/196/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/196/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (d) *Informal discussions between the heads of field operations and participating States, to be held on 11 January 2019*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/196/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/196/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (e) *Planned visits and meetings of the Secretary General*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/196/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/196/18/Add.1 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the OSCE, Ambassador J. Pereira Gomes*: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Portugal
- (b) *Human Rights Day, celebrated on 10 December 2018*: Austria-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; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1540/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/1530/18), Switzerland

(also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Norway) (PC.DEL/1550/18 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1525/18), Turkey

- (c) *Death of Russian activist Ms. L. Alexeyeva on 8 December 2018:* Austria-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 Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1541/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/1532/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1527/18 OSCE+)
- (d) *Presidential election in Georgia, held on 28 November 2018:* Georgia (PC.DEL/1531/18/Rev.1 OSCE+), Austria-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 Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1542/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/1533/18), Armenia (PC.DEL/1534/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1547/18 OSCE+)
- (e) *Early parliamentary elections in Armenia, held on 9 December 2018:* Armenia (PC.DEL/1554/18/Corr.1), Austria-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 Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1543/18), United States of America, Switzerland (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Norway), Georgia (PC.DEL/1534/18 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1524/18)
- (f) *Third Global Forum against the Crime of Genocide, held in Yerevan from 9 to 11 December 2018:* Armenia (PC.DEL/1555/18/Corr.1)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 20 December 2018, at 9 a.m., in the Neuer Saal