

PC.JOUR/1078 19 November 2015

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Chairmanship: Serbia

1078th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 19 November 2015

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
Closed: 5.10 p.m.

- 2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ambassador V. Žugić
- 3. <u>Subjects discussed Statements Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, MR. ILKKA KANERVA

Chairperson, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Luxembourg-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 Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1595/15), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1603/15), Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/1585/15), Canada, Turkey (PC.DEL/1613/15 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1621/15 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1601/15 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/1588/15/Corr.1 OSCE+), Norway

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

Chairperson, High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/3/15/Corr.1), Luxembourg-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 Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1596/15), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1605/15), Switzerland, United States of America (PC.DEL/1586/15), Canada, Turkey (PC.DEL/1614/15 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1602/15 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Moldova, Georgia (PC.DEL/1589/15 OSCE+), Norway

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1180 (PC.DEC/1180) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Presence in Albania, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1181 (PC.DEC/1181) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1182 (PC.DEC/1182) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1183 (PC.DEC/1183) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1184 (PC.DEC/1184) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 8: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1185 (PC.DEC/1185) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision), Luxembourg-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 Ukraine, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision), Ukraine (interpretative statement, see attachment 5 to the decision)

Agenda item 9: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1186 (PC.DEC/1186) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 10: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1187 (PC.DEC/1187) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Serbia, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 11: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1188 (PC.DEC/1188) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Skopje, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 12: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1189 (PC.DEC/1189) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Yerevan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 13: DECISION ON FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1190 (PC.DEC/1190) on forwarding of a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 14: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) Ongoing aggression against Ukraine and violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation: Ukraine (PC.DEL/1619/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-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/1598/15), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1607/15 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1608/15), Canada, Turkey (PC.DEL/1615/15 OSCE+)
- (b) Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1606/15), Ukraine, United States of America (PC.DEL/1611/15)
- (c) Release of Mr. A. Yunusov in Azerbaijan: Luxembourg-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1599/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1591/15), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1604/15/Corr.1 OSCE+)
- (d) Participation of members of terrorist groups in OSCE events: Tajikistan (Annex), United States of America (PC.DEL/1593/15),
 Luxembourg-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/1617/15)
- (e) Human Rights and Humanitarian Society Memorial in the Russian Federation: Luxembourg-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 Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1597/15), Canada, Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/1610/15), Norway
- (f) Release of Mr. M. Juraev in Uzbekistan: United States of America (PC.DEL/1594/15)
- (g) The death penalty in the United States of America: Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Switzerland), United States of America (PC.DEL/1609/15)

Agenda item 15: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) Joint press release by the Chairperson-in-Office and the Secretary General on the terrorist attacks in Paris, issued on 16 November 2015 (SEC.PR/968/15): Chairperson (CIO.GAL/174/15)
- (b) Meeting of the Chairperson-in-Office and the Special Representative for the Western Balkans, Ambassador G. Stoudmann, held in Belgrade on 16 November 2015: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/174/15)

Agenda item 16: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Visit of the Secretary General to Berlin on 11 and 12 November 2015: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/202/15 OSCE+)
- (b) Participation of the Secretary General in the Berlin Security Conference, held on 17 November 2015: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/202/15 OSCE+)
- (c) Appeal for the nomination of candidates for posts of Head of Mission: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/202/15 OSCE+)

Agenda item 17: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) 2015 Valletta Summit on migration held on 11 and 12 November 2015: Luxembourg-European Union (PC.DEL/1600/15)

(b) Announcement of a meeting of the OSCE Group of Friends of Mediation, to be held in Vienna on 20 November 2015: Finland

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Thursday, 26 November 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF TAJIKISTAN

Mr. Chairperson,

The delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan would like to recall that it spoke at the Permanent Council meeting of 8 October this year about the criminal activity of the leaders and members of the Islamic Revival Party of Tajikistan (IRPT) and also the decision of the Supreme Court banning the party's operation and recognizing it as a terrorist organization.

The leaders of the party and its members are accused of serious terrorist crimes. Criminal proceedings have been instigated against the former Chairman of the party Muhiddin Kabiri and an international search warrant has been issued by Interpol.

Unfortunately, however, the delegations of a number of OSCE participating States have failed to take note of or simply ignored this information.

This is illustrated by the fact that the former Chairman of the IRPT, Mr. Kabiri, and a number of former members of the party are actively attempting to use the OSCE to continue their illegal activity and to advocate extremist ideas. Unfortunately, these efforts are being directly supported by some countries and organizations.

The aforementioned persons were registered for and took part in the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting in Vienna on 29 and 30 October 2015. They were also registered to take part in an event during the Security Days in the Hofburg on 13 November this year. It should be pointed out that the names of these people were not mentioned in the provisional lists of participants and they were included only a few hours before the start.

It should also be mentioned here that these people were registered as members of a non-existent political party. One might ask how this could have been allowed.

Following the intervention of the delegation of Tajikistan, Mr. Kabiri and the former press secretary of the IRPT were not admitted to the meeting during the Security Days. We are grateful to the OSCE Secretariat for its timely reaction to our concerns.

It has come to our knowledge, however, that on 13 November these persons were somehow all admitted after all to the Hofburg and held meetings with the delegations of some

OSCE participating States. Unfortunately, we have received no response to our appeals to confirm or deny these meetings and cannot therefore say today who admitted them. I imagine that those who took part in the meetings themselves know this very well.

This fact gives rise to serious concern and incomprehension on our part. I should like to ask the distinguished colleagues who took part in those meetings to explain why meetings were held with people who are accused of serious crimes and are on the Interpol list.

And, of course, there is the question of how these people, who are on an international wanted list, could have freely entered the territory of the European Union at all and strolled without hindrance in the corridors of the OSCE.

Right now we should like to ask our colleagues what we are to make of such behaviour. These people are criminals who participate directly in the financing and planning of attacks on law enforcement bodies and in attempts to overthrow the constitutional order of Tajikistan by armed force. Should it not be seen as open support for members of a terrorist group responsible, in particular, for the deaths of citizens and law enforcement officers?

I should like to recall that experience in other countries has shown that nothing good comes of dalliance with such groups and people taking part in terrorist or extremist activities.

Another reasonable question suggests itself. Where do the former leader and members of the IRPT, who have been outside the country for a long time, get the money to move freely between countries, including European ones, and to live in luxury hotels and organize meetings and events that demand considerable financial resources?

We regard the OSCE as a platform for dialogue between the official representatives of the Organization's participating States, but steps like these by some of our colleagues would indicate that it is something completely different.

At a time when the entire world is confronted by an unprecedented stepping up of terrorist activity in various regions of the globe and we need to unite to counter this phenomenon, the actions of some of our partners unfortunately encourage and provide inspiration for representatives of terrorist and extremist groups.

We should like to stress that the sheer fact that criminals can take part in OSCE events, let alone meet official representatives of the Organization's participating States, is absolutely inadmissible and unacceptable for us.

In this regard, we should like once again to draw the attention of the distinguished Chairmanship, Secretariat and OSCE institutions to these facts and to express the hope that the necessary steps will be taken to prevent people representing criminal and terrorist organizations and accused of particularly serious crimes from taking part in any of the Organization's events.

I should like to appeal to our distinguished colleagues to pay greater attention to the statements by other delegations and to be more selective as regards the people with whom they meet.

Mr. Chairperson, I request that this statement be included in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



PC.DEC/1180 19 November 2015

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PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 3

DECISION No. 1180 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Presence in Albania until 31 December 2016.



PC.DEC/1181 19 November 2015

Original: ENGLISH

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PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 4

DECISION No. 1181 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina until 31 December 2016.



PC.DEC/1182 19 November 2015

Original: ENGLISH

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PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 5

DECISION No. 1182 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek until 31 December 2016.



PC.DEC/1183 19 November 2015

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PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 6

DECISION No. 1183 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Moldova until 31 December 2016.



PC.DEC/1184 19 November 2015

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PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 7

DECISION No. 1184 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro until 31 December 2016.



PC.DEC/1185 19 November 2015

Original: ENGLISH

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PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 8

DECISION No. 1185 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 30 June 2016.

ENGLISH

Original: RUSSIAN

INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

"In joining the consensus on the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, we take the position that it corresponds to the new political and legal situation in the region, according to which the Republic of Crimea and the federal city of Sevastopol are an integral part of Russia. Consequently, the Co-ordinator's activities, including project activities, do not apply to these constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

I request that this statement be appended to the Permanent Council decision adopted, and included in the journal of the day."

Original: ENGLISH

INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of the United States of America:

"In connection with the adoption of the decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine the United States would like to make the following interpretive statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States notes that Crimea remains an integral part of Ukraine, despite Russia's ongoing occupation. The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."

Original: ENGLISH

INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Turkey:

"Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Turkey wishes to make an interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

'Turkey reiterates that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which Turkey continues to regard as part of Ukraine.'

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

Thank you."

Original: ENGLISH

INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

The delegation of Luxembourg, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

"In connection with the decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

The European Union stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol. We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Georgia and San Marino align themselves with this statement."

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

Original: ENGLISH

INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Ukraine:

"Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Decision of the Permanent Council on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which are an integral part of Ukraine, were illegally occupied and annexed by the Russian Federation in violation of the OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law.

Ukraine stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine extends to the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to the decision and recorded in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson."



PC.DEC/1186 19 November 2015

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PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 9

DECISION No. 1186 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan until 31 December 2016.



PC.DEC/1187 19 November 2015

Original: ENGLISH

1078th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 10

DECISION No. 1187 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Serbia until 31 December 2016.



PC.DEC/1188 19 November 2015

Original: ENGLISH

1078th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 11

DECISION No. 1188 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Skopje until 31 December 2016.



PC.DEC/1189 19 November 2015

Original: ENGLISH

1078th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 12

DECISION No. 1189 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Yerevan until 31 December 2016.



PC.DEC/1190 19 November 2015

Original: ENGLISH

1078th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 1078, Agenda item 13

DECISION No. 1190 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-Second Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.