

Chairmanship: Germany**1117th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 3 November 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 5.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl
Ms. C. Weil

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Rauf Engin Soysal.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF ALBANIA, H.E. DITMIR BUSHATI

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Albania (PC.DEL/1487/16), Slovakia-European Union (with the candidate countries 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1514/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1485/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1489/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1505/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1498/16 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/1520/16 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/1519/16 OSCE+), France (PC.DEL/1486/16), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1523/16 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/1531/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA
INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS

Chairperson, Co-Chairman of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus (OSCE), Co-Chairman of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus (United Nations), Co-Chairman of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus (European Union), Slovakia-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 Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1515/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1490/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1488/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1504/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1495/16 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/1527/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA TO
THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1224 (PC.DEC/1224) on forwarding of a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Prior to taking up agenda item 4, the Chairperson announced the adoption through a silence procedure of Permanent Council Decision No. 1223 (PC.DEC/1223) on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the 2016 Human Dimension Seminar, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: UPDATE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON OSCE
CO-OPERATION WITH REGIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Secretary General, Russian Federation, Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/1530/16) (PC.DEL/1492/16), Slovakia-European Union

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1524/16), Chairperson, Slovakia-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 and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1518/16), United States of America

(PC.DEL/1512/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1506/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1509/16 OSCE+), Canada

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1494/16), Ukraine, United States of America (PC.DEL/1511/16)
- (c) *United Nations International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, observed on 2 November:* Slovakia-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 Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1516/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1502/16) (PC.DEL/1503/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1507/16), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1496/16 OSCE+), Armenia, Serbia (PC.DEL/1529/16 OSCE+), Turkey
- (d) *Sentencing of Mr. G. Ibrahimov in Azerbaijan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1491/16)
- (e) *Ongoing police violence in the United States of America:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1497/16) (PC.DEL/1500/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1521/16) (PC.DEL/1522/16)
- (f) *Presidential elections in Moldova, held on 30 October 2016:* Moldova (PC.DEL/1525/16 OSCE+)
- (g) *Parliamentary elections in Georgia, held on 30 October 2016:* Georgia (PC.DEL/1528/16 OSCE+), Slovakia-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1517/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1499/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1493/16)
- (h) *Illegal economic and other activities in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan:* Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1501/16 OSCE+), United States of America
- (i) *Government pressure on freedom of expression and the media in Turkey:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1510/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1508/16 OSCE+)
- (j) *Use of force by Azerbaijan against the right to self-determination of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh:* Armenia, Azerbaijan

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

- (a) *Visit by the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 to Ukraine, being conducted from 2 to 5 November 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/200/16)*
- (b) *Seventy-first meeting of the Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM), held on 26 October 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/200/16)*

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/163/16 OSCE+): Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the OSCE, Ambassador V. Voronetsky: Chairperson, Belarus*
- (b) *Budapest Water Summit 2016, to be held from 28 to 30 November 2016: Hungary (PC.DEL/1513/16)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 10 November 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

1116th Plenary Meeting

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DECISION No. 1223
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL
MODALITIES OF THE 2016 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR

(Warsaw, 21–23 November 2016)

**Promoting effective and integral justice systems: how to ensure the
independence and quality of the judiciary**

I. Agenda

1. Opening of the Seminar
2. Opening plenary: Keynote addresses
3. Discussion in two working groups:
 - Working group I: Selection, promotion and training of judges: impact on judicial accountability and the integrity of the justice system
 - Working group II: The role of civil society in observing judicial independence and accountability
4. Closing plenary: Summing up and closing of the Seminar

II. Timetable and other organizational modalities

1. The Seminar will open on Monday, 21 November 2016, at 3 p.m. It will close on Wednesday, 23 November 2016, at 1 p.m.
2. All plenary sessions and working group sessions will be open to all participants.
3. The closing plenary session, scheduled for the morning of 23 November 2016, will focus on practical suggestions and recommendations for addressing the issues discussed during the working group sessions.

4. The plenary and working group sessions will take place in accordance with the work programme below.
5. A representative of the ODIHR will chair the plenary sessions.
6. The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE and the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues (Permanent Council Decision No. 476) will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Seminar. Furthermore, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.
7. The discussions during the plenary and working group sessions will be interpreted from and into the six working languages of the OSCE.

III. Work programme

Working hours: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
3–6 p.m.

	Monday 21 November 2016	Tuesday 22 November 2016	Wednesday 23 November 2016
Morning		Working group I	Closing plenary session
Afternoon	Opening plenary session	Working group II	



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**DECISION No. 1224
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-Third Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.