
Chairmanship: Germany**1118th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**1. Date: Thursday, 10 November 2016Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
Closed: 5.10 p.m.2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl
Ms. C. Weil3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR
ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION OF AFGHANISTAN,
H.E. ADELA RAZ

Chairperson, Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Co-operation of Afghanistan, 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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1560/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1540/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1537/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1572/16 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1571/16 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1565/16 OSCE+), Georgia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1550/16 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Tajikistan

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON THE
CONFLICT DEALT WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK
CONFERENCE

Discussion under agenda item 4

Agenda item 3: ADDRESS BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MINSK GROUP

Discussion under agenda item 4

Agenda item 4: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE HIGH-LEVEL PLANNING GROUP

Chairperson, Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (Russian Federation), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (United States of America), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (France), Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, Head of the High-Level Planning Group, 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1563/16 /Rev.1), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1542/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1567/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1546/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1538/16), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1551/16 OSCE+), France (PC.DEL/1539/16), Armenia (PC.DEL/1570/16)

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1549/16), 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 Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1558/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/1543/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1573/16 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1574/16 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1564/16 OSCE+)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1553/16), Ukraine
- (c) *The death penalty in Kazakhstan:* Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, San Marino and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/1555/16), Kazakhstan
- (d) *Continued efforts to silence and intimidate independent voices and civil society in the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1544/16), 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 Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1561/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1566/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1552/16), Ukraine, Slovakia-European Union, United Kingdom

- (e) *Human rights situation in Turkey*: 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; and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1562/16/Rev.1), Switzerland (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) (PC.DEL/1568/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1545/16), Turkey (PC.DEL/1548/16 OSCE+)
- (f) *The ban on the President of the World Chess Federation, Mr. K. Ilyumzhinov, entering the United States of America*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1554/16), United States of America

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

- (a) *Participation of the Chairmanship-in Office in the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine retreat, held in Kyiv on 4 November 2016*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/204/16)
- (b) *Meeting of youth representatives from the whole OSCE area, being held in Berlin on 10 November 2016*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/204/16)

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/168/16 OSCE+)*: Head of Conference Services
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Co-operation of Afghanistan, held on 9 November 2016*: Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/168/16 OSCE+)
- (c) *Visit by the Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre to Kyiv on 3 November 2016*: Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/168/16 OSCE+)
- (d) *Third International Seminar for Judges on the Critical Role of the Judiciary in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, held in Haifa, Israel, from 6 to 10 November 2016*: Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/168/16 OSCE+)
- (e) *Joint OSCE-UNECE workshop on ensuring effective public participation in environmental decision-making in Belarus, held in Minsk on 2 and 3 November 2016*: Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/168/16 OSCE+)

(f) *General remarks on the report of the Secretary General: Russian Federation*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Presidential elections in the United States of America, held on 8 November 2016:
United States of America (PC.DEL/1547/16), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1556/16)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 17 November 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal