
Chairmanship: Serbia**1070th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 8 October 2015

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 6 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Žugić
Ambassador S. Milinković

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

Agenda item 1: PRESENTATION BY THE OSCE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE 2016 UNIFIED BUDGET PROPOSAL

Chairperson, Secretary General, 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; as well as Andorra and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1290/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1269/15) (PC.DEL/1271/15), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1286/15), Turkey (PC.DEL/1310/15 OSCE+), Switzerland, Canada (PC.DEL/1281/15 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1315/15 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1292/15 OSCE+), Armenia, Norway

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE INFORMAL
WORKING GROUP ON SCALES OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Informal Working Group on Scales of Contributions (PC.DEL/1260/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; and the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1293/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1270/15), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1289/15), Canada

(PC.DEL/1280/15 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1316/15 OSCE+), Azerbaijan, Belarus (PC.DEL/1273/15 Restr.), Switzerland, Kazakhstan

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
LATVIAN-RUSSIAN JOINT COMMISSION ON MILITARY
PENSIONERS

Chairperson, OSCE Representative to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners (PC.FR/35/15 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1285/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1276/15), 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; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1291/15)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Prior to taking up agenda item 4(a), the Chairperson and France (also on behalf of Germany) (Annex) made statements.

- (a) *Ongoing aggression against Ukraine and violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1317/15 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1295/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1275/15) (PC.DEL/1306/15) (PC.DEL/1307/15), Turkey (PC.DEL/1302/15 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1284/15 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1282/15 OSCE+), Norway
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1288/15), Ukraine, United States of America
- (c) *Abduction and illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1318/15 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1301/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1314/15 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1277/15)
- (d) *Recent events in Tajikistan:* 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/1298/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1278/15), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1311/15/Rev.1 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/1313/15 OSCE+), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/1274/15 OSCE+)

- (e) *Parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan, held on 4 October 2015:* 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1296/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1308/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1312/15 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Norway, Kyrgyzstan
- (f) *Statement by the Co-Chairmen of the OSCE Minsk Group on the latest developments in the Nagorno-Karabakh peace process:* France (also on behalf of the Russian Federation and the United States of America), 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1283/15), Armenia, Turkey
- (g) *Situation in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan:* Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1294/15 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1305/15)
- (h) *Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, held in Warsaw from 21 September to 2 October 2015:* Russian Federation, Poland, United States of America (PC.DEL/1304/15), Ukraine, Luxembourg-European Union, Norway, Canada, Chairperson
- (i) *Violation by the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of its mandate:* Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1297/15 OSCE+) (PC.DEL/1300/15 OSCE+), Luxembourg-European Union, United States of America (PC.DEL/1303/15), Canada, Chairperson, Norway
- (j) *The death penalty in the United States of America:* Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland), 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; as well as Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1299/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1309/15)

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

None

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/179/15 OSCE+): Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating
Trafficking in Human Beings*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *2015 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on common security in the
Mediterranean region – challenges and opportunities, to be held in Jordan on
20 and 21 October 2015: Germany*
- (b) *Autumn session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Ulaanbaatar
from 15 to 18 September 2015: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mongolia*
- (c) *Reinforced retreat, to be held on 6 November 2015: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 October 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF GERMANY)**

Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to speak on behalf of France and Germany to present the results of the summit meeting of the Heads of State or Government in the Normandy format held in Paris on Friday, 2 October.

The four Heads of State or Government in the Normandy format met in Paris on Friday, 2 October. It was the first summit meeting of this type since February 2015. The Normandy process remains more relevant than ever. It led to the signing of the Minsk agreements in 2014, to a ceasefire that is still respected today and to the holding of this summit meeting in Paris in 2015. The parties have reaffirmed their support of this format and their willingness to participate in negotiations within this framework.

The summit provided an opportunity to review the implementation of the Minsk agreements and to monitor the application of the entire Package of Measures.

The discussions, which lasted almost five hours, were constructive and devoted mainly to the political process to safeguard its continuation and “succeed in every dimension of the Minsk agreements”. It is vital that the signatories to the Package of Measures continue to implement all of the dimensions of the Minsk agreements as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Chairperson,

The security, political, humanitarian and economic dimensions were all discussed at the summit meeting.

The security dimension was the first item on the agenda. The lull in the east must continue and the ceasefire be consolidated. The withdrawal of tanks, light weapons and mortars was to be effected by 00.00 hours on Saturday, 3 October. This was done, and the security group will now work on relaunching the withdrawal of heavy weapons on a similar basis. There was agreement that the OSCE should be provided with the wherewithal to carry out its mission without threats or obstacles and with complete freedom of movement up to the international border.

France and Germany are willing to continue to facilitate the removal of explosive devices remaining in the conflict zone. The political process, even if it takes longer, must be fully implemented until the last “essential” stage, total control over Ukraine’s external border. Several steps were agreed to this end, including an “interim report” to be submitted to a meeting of ministers of foreign affairs in early November. Moreover, we welcome the pronouncement yesterday by the separatists of their decision to cancel the elections they had unilaterally announced a few weeks ago. This statement is in line with the agreement reached at the Paris summit that all parties should refrain from unilateral actions contrary to the Minsk agreements.

The Paris summit opened a new window through the proposal of a series of elements within the process acceptable to all participants (elections in certain districts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, provisional then permanent establishment of special status, amnesty legislation).

The parties reached agreement on the drafting of legislation for the elections in certain districts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions within the political working group and in consultation with the separatists, to ensure that the election is held in accordance with Ukrainian law and OSCE norms. The elections should take place once the law has been adopted. On this date, the special status will enter into force provisionally and will become definitive once the results of the election have been validated by the OSCE. Each and every one of us should now do our utmost to assist and support the implementation of this process.

The law on amnesty will enter into force the day after the elections.

In the humanitarian dimension, the situation of the United Nations agencies and humanitarian organizations was discussed. It was agreed that more crossing points should be opened and that the administrative procedures for the registration and transit of humanitarian aid should be facilitated (no red tape).

In the economic dimension, mention was made of the recent agreement on gas between Russia and Ukraine facilitated by the European Union. The implementation of this agreement must now be monitored.

The meeting of the ministers of foreign affairs in the Normandy format will take place in early November.

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