
Chairmanship: Italy**1185th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 10 May 2018

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Azzoni

The Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Iceland to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Gudni Bragason.

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, offered condolences to the families of the victims of the attacks in Afghanistan on 6 May 2018.

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

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/582/18), Bulgaria-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/584/18), Canada, Turkey (PC.DEL/604/18 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/575/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/574/18)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/595/18)
- (c) *Situation of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Russian Federation:* Bulgaria-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, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/588/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/576/18), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/578/18 OSCE+)

- (d) *Freedom of peaceful assembly in the Russian Federation:* Bulgaria-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/587/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/577/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/585/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/598/18 OSCE+)
- (e) *Europe Day, celebrated on 9 May 2018:* Bulgaria-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 and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/586/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/579/18) (PC.DEL/589/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/580/18), Turkey (PC.DEL/602/18 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/593/18), Bulgaria-European Union
- (f) *International efforts to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism:* Tajikistan (PC.DEL/597/18 OSCE+), Bulgaria-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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/591/18), Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/594/18), Belarus (PC.DEL/601/18 OSCE+), Armenia, Turkey (PC.DEL/603/18 OSCE+)
- (g) *Recent developments in Armenia:* Armenia (PC.DEL/605/18), Chairperson, Bulgaria-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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/590/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/592/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/596/18), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/599/18 OSCE+), Kazakhstan

Agenda item 2: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

- (a) “5+2” talks as part of the Transdniestrian Settlement Process to be held in Rome on 29 and 30 May 2018, convened by the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process, Mr. F. Frattini: Chairperson
- (b) First Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on “Child Trafficking – From Prevention to Protection”, to be held on 28 and 29 May 2018 (CIO.GAL/45/18 OSCE+): Chairperson, Russian Federation
- (c) First meeting of the Informal Working Group on Scales of Contributions, to be held in Rome on 25 June 2018: Chairperson
- (d) Participation by a Representative of the Chairmanship in the Central Asian Workshop on Combating Illicit Cross-border Trafficking in Cultural Property, to be held in Tashkent and Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from 14 to 18 May 2018: Chairperson
- (e) Ambassadorial retreat to be held in Trieste, Italy, from 7 to 9 June 2018: Chairperson
- (f) 2018 OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference, being held in Rome on 10 and 11 May 2018: Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Distribution of a paper entitled “The OSCE at a Fiscal Crossroads for the 2019 Unified Budget: The Price of Peace and Security in Europe” (SEC.GAL/78/18 Restr.): Secretary General (SEC.GAL/80/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/80/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (b) Visit of the Secretary General to Dushanbe on 3 and 4 May 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/80/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/80/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (c) Participation of the Secretary General in the sixth International Lake Constance Congress, held in Bregenz, Austria, on 5 May 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/80/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/80/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (d) First Meeting of Principals of the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT), held in London on 2 May 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/80/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/80/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (e) Note verbale regarding the policy of distributing documents (SEC.GAL/75/18 OSCE+): Secretary General (SEC.GAL/80/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/80/18/Add.1 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/606/18 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, France

- (f) *Planned visits and meetings of the Secretary General: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/80/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/80/18/Add.1 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 17 May 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal