

Chairmanship: Switzerland

1017th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 18 September 2014

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 5.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger
Ms. A. Rauber Saxer

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF
THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC, H.E. MIROSLAV LAJČÁK

Chairperson, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (PC.DEL/1077/14), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, 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 Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1102/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/1079/14), Russian Federation, Canada (PC.DEL/1099/14 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/1081/14 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1114/14 OSCE+), France, Austria

1 Incorporates a correction in the speaker list of agenda item 4(k).

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE CHIEF MONITOR OF THE OSCE
SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Chairperson (CIO.GAL/162/14 OSCE+), Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (PC.FR/26/14 OSCE+), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1103/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/1091/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1088/14), Canada (PC.DEL/1098/14 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1119/14 OSCE+), France, Norway (PC.DEL/1110/14), Serbia (PC.DEL/1082/14 OSCE+), Ukraine

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE PRESENCE IN
ALBANIA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/25/14 OSCE+), Italy-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 Armenia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1104/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/1080/14), Russian Federation, Turkey (PC.DEL/1085/14 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/1090/14 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Ongoing violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation and the situation in Ukraine:* Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1118/14 OSCE+), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1109/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/1086/14), Canada (PC.DEL/1097/14 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/1093/14)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the continuing violations of the norms of international humanitarian law during the punitive operation in eastern Ukraine:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1089/14), Ukraine
- (c) *Freedom of expression in the OSCE area:* Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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/1105/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/1087/14), United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Belarus, Uzbekistan

- (d) *Detention of Ukrainian citizens in the Russian Federation:* Italy-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 and Moldova , in alignment) (PC.DEL/1106/14), Canada, United States of America (PC.DEL/1092/14), Ukraine, Russian Federation
- (e) *Detention of human rights defender Ms. Z. Mukhortova in Kazakhstan:* Italy-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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1108/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/1083/14), Kazakhstan
- (f) *Detention of Ukrainian servicewoman Ms. N. Savchenko in the Russian Federation:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1115/14 OSCE+), Russian Federation
- (g) *Abduction of Estonian police officer Mr. E. Kohver:* Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1107/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/1101/14), Canada, Georgia (PC.DEL/1100/14 OSCE+), Russian Federation
- (h) *Intimidation of civil society in Hungary:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1084/14), Canada (PC.DEL/1095/14 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/1094/14), Iceland (PC.DEL/1111/14 OSCE+), Liechtenstein, Hungary
- (i) *Concerns regarding the increasing threat to the OSCE area posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL):* Canada (PC.DEL/1096/14 OSCE+)
- (j) *Death of Mr. K. Petrosyan in custody in Azerbaijan:* Armenia, Azerbaijan
- (k) *Extremism and neo-Nazism in the OSCE area:* Russian Federation, Germany, Italy-European Union, United Kingdom, Norway, United States of America, Ukraine

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

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/163/14):* Chairperson
- (b) *Fourth regional civil society workshop, held in Tbilisi on 3 and 4 September 2014:* Chairperson
- (c) *Visit by the Personal Representatives of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions; on Combating Anti-Semitism; and on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, to Denmark on 10 and 11 September 2014:* Chairperson
- (d) *Concluding meeting of the twenty-second OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum on “Responding to environmental challenges with a view to promoting co-operation and security in the OSCE area”, held in Prague from 10 to 12 September 2014:* Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/142/14 OSCE+): Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Ministerial conference on stability and development in Libya, held in Madrid on 17 September 2014:* Spain
- (b) *Contribution towards an extrabudgetary project on the promotion of the Guidelines on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders:* Spain, Chairperson
- (c) *Ratification of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine, on 16 September 2014:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1116/14 OSCE+), Italy-European Union
- (d) *Parliamentary elections in Uzbekistan, to be held on 21 December 2014:* Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/1112/14)
- (e) *Publication of the “Preliminary Report: Crash Involving Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777-200, Flight MH17”, by the Dutch Safety Board on 9 September 2014:* Netherlands (PC.DEL/1117/14 OSCE+)
- (f) *Autumn session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 3 to 5 October 2014:* OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairperson

- (g) *Report on the Joint Conference on Strengthening OSCE-UN Co-operation on Security Sector Reform, held in Vienna on 7 July 2014: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 9 October 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal