
Chairmanship: Germany**1106th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**1. Date: Thursday, 23 June 2016

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. Pohl3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN
UZBEKISTAN

Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan (PC.FR/21/16 OSCE+), Netherlands-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 Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/944/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/921/16) (PC.DEL/925/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/941/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/927/16 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/930/16), Canada, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/951/16 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson, Italy

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/928/16), Netherlands-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/945/16), Switzerland (PC.DEL/942/16 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/932/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/922/16), Canada

- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/931/16), Ukraine, United States of America (PC.DEL/924/16)
- (c) *Seventy-fifth anniversary of the outbreak of the Great Patriotic War, observed on 22 June 2016:* Russian Federation (also on behalf of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) (PC.DEL/943/16), Netherlands-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania 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/950/16), Ukraine (PC.DEL/919/16 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/933/16) (PC.DEL/934/16), Russian Federation, Germany
- (d) *Legislative amendments in the Russian Federation restricting freedom of expression and access to information:* Netherlands-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/948/16), United States of America, Russian Federation
- (e) *Thirty-sixth round of the Geneva International Discussions, held on 14 and 15 June 2016:* Netherlands-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, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/946/16), United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/937/16), Georgia (PC.DEL/952/16 OSCE+)
- (f) *Young leaders in the OSCE area:* United States of America (PC.DEL/935/16), United Kingdom (Annex)
- (g) *International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, observed on 19 June 2016:* Netherlands-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 Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/947/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/940/16), Bosnia and Herzegovina

- (h) *Sixth World Congress against the Death Penalty, being held in Oslo from 21 to 23 June 2016: Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, San Marino and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/953/16), United States of America*
- (i) *Twentieth anniversary of National Aboriginal Day, observed on 21 June 2016: Canada (PC.DEL/936/16 OSCE+)*
- (j) *Arrest of the human rights defender Ms. S. Korur Fincanci and the two journalists Mr. E. Önderoğlu and Mr. A. Nesin in Turkey: Netherlands-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 Armenia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/949/16), United States of America (PC.DEL/939/16), France (PC.DEL/918/16), Russian Federation, Turkey (PC.DEL/929/16 OSCE+)*
- (k) *World Refugee Day, observed on 20 June 2016: Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/926/16 OSCE+), Turkey, Armenia*

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Meeting of the Chairperson-in-Office with the Co-Chairmen of the Minsk Group and the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus, held on 23 June 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/100/16)*
- (b) *Participation of the Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2016 in an expert meeting on combating anti-Semitism, held in Berlin on 20 June 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/100/16)*
- (c) *Visit by the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process to Chisinau and Tiraspol from 22 to 24 June 2016: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/100/16)*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the launch event of the high-level project “Combating Human Trafficking along Migration Routes”, held in Vicenza, Italy, on 17 June 2016: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/101/16 OSCE+)*

- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on 20 June 2016: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/101/16 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Joint meeting of the Western Balkans Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinators and OSCE Focal Points held in Vicenza, Italy, on 16 June 2016: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/101/16 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Joint visit by the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Assembly Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions to Lampedusa, Italy, from 19 to 23 June 2016: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/101/16 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Joint OSCE-UN workshop on regional trade facilitation and border management, held in Dushanbe from 13 to 16 June 2016: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/101/16 OSCE+)*
- (f) *Joint OSCE-UNECE Inland Transport Security Discussion Forum on securing the global supply chain, held in Geneva on 17 June 2016: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/101/16 OSCE+)*
- (g) *Expert meeting "Towards an Enhanced Long-term OSCE Approach to Migration Governance", held on 17 June 2016: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/101/16 OSCE+)*
- (h) *Participation of the OSCE Adviser on Gender Issues in the International Forum of Women Leaders, held in Minsk on 21 and 22 June 2016: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/101/16 OSCE+)*
- (i) *Call for nomination of candidates for the post of High Commissioner on National Minorities: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/101/16 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE, Ambassador V. Rocco di Torrepadula: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Italy*
- (b) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Iceland to the OSCE, Ambassador A. Atlason: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Iceland (PC.DEL/920/16 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Handover of the chairmanship of the MenEngage alliance of non-governmental organizations: Iceland (PC.DEL/920/16 OSCE+), Slovenia (PC.DEL/923/16)*

- (d) *Appeal for the nomination of candidates for the post of OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media: Chairperson*
- (e) *Meeting of the Informal Working Group Focusing on the Issue of Migration and Refugee Flows, to be held on 27 June 2016: Switzerland*
- (f) *Elections to the State Duma, to be held on 18 September 2016: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/938/16)*
- (g) *Ambassadorial trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina: United Kingdom, Chairperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 7 July 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

I would like to thank the distinguished ambassador of the United States for his kind and thoughtful words.

Jo Cox, a member of the House of Commons, was murdered on 16 June, in the course of carrying out her normal duties, meeting the people she represented in her parliamentary constituency.

Jo Cox will have been well known to some colleagues present here and across the OSCE family for her humanitarian work, including in connection with the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, for her campaigning against modern-day slavery, and for her active promotion of women's political participation. All these are issues dear to us around the table of the Permanent Council.

Prime Minister David Cameron described Jo Cox as “an extraordinarily passionate campaigning MP” who “epitomized the fact that politics is about serving others”.

Mr. Chairperson, colleagues, we mourn together the cruel, untimely death of a dedicated and deeply compassionate public servant. And our thoughts and sincerest good wishes are, above all, with the family she leaves behind.