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1. Date: Thursday, 1 February 2018

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 5.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Azzoni

Mr. M. Pianca

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, offered condolences to Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) in connection with the recent terrorist attacks in Kabul on 27 and 29 January 2018.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIR OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE

Chairperson, Head of the Federal Service for Combating Racism of the Swiss Confederation (PC.DEL/92/18 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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/104/18), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/97/18), Turkey (PC.DEL/136/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/93/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/119/18), Belarus (PC.DEL/133/18 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/128/18), Croatia (PC.DEL/130/18 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/108/18 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/141/18 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/139/18 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/131/18 OSCE+), Armenia, Poland, Israel (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE

SECURITY COMMITTEE; THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE; AND THE HUMAN

DIMENSION COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Security Committee (PC.DEL/113/18 OSCE+), Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Committee, Chairperson of the Human Dimension Committee, 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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/106/18/Rev.1), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/94/18 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/98/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/138/18 OSCE+), United States of America, Ukraine (PC.DEL/117/18), Belarus (PC.DEL/134/18 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/129/18), Georgia (PC.DEL/95/18 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/111/18 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/132/18 OSCE+), Armenia, Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea: Ukraine (PC.DEL/120/18), 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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/107/18/Rev.1), Switzerland (PC.DEL/99/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/140/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/96/18), Canada
- (b) Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/103/18), Ukraine
- (c) Media legislation in Moldova: Moldova, 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 Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/110/18/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/100/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/121/18)
- (d) Recent developments in the occupied territories of Georgia: Georgia (PC.DEL/127/18 OSCE+), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland and Norway), 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; as well as Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/112/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/115/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/125/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/122/18 OSCE+)

- (e) Freedom of expression and 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 Canada, Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/114/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/105/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/101/18 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/124/18 OSCE+)
- (f) Human rights violations concerning the Memorial Human Rights Centre 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 Australia, Canada, Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/116/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/109/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/123/18 OSCE+)
- (g) Human rights violations at the Guantánamo Bay detention facility: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/126/18), United States of America (PC.DEL/142/18)

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

Participation of the Chairperson-in-Office in the International Conference on the Responsibility of States, Institutions and Individuals in the Fight against Anti-Semitism in the OSCE Area, held in Rome on 29 January 2018: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/17/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/17/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (b) Signing of a Joint OSCE–UNODC Action Plan for 2018–2019, in Vienna on 31 January 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/17/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/17/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (c) Participation of the Secretary General in the International Conference on the Responsibility of States, Institutions and Individuals in the Fight against Anti-Semitism in the OSCE Area, held in Rome on 29 January 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/17/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/17/18/Add.1 OSCE+)

- (d) Informal meeting organized by the OSCE Gender Section entitled "Towards achieving gender parity: new global approaches" with the participation of the Senior Adviser for Coordination and Focal Point for Women in the UN System, held in Vienna on 30 January 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/17/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/17/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (e) Seminar to evaluate the extrabudgetary project on establishing mentor networks for women in the OSCE region, held in Vienna on 29 January 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/17/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/17/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (f) Update on the long-range unmanned aerial vehicle tender process: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/17/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/17/18/Add.1 OSCE+), Bulgaria-European Union (PC.DEL/118/18)
- (g) Expansion of the deployment of technical surveillance technologies by the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/17/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/17/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (h) Call for nominations for the positions of Chief Monitor of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/17/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/17/18/Add.1 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 8 February 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal