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1079th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 26 November 2015

Opened: 10.10 a.m. Suspended: 12.45 p.m. Resumed: 3.05 p.m. Closed: 3.45 p.m.

2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ambassador V. Žugić

3. <u>Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON

FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/7/15/Rev.1), 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/1652/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1634/15), Switzerland, Turkey (PC.DEL/1643/15 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1645/15), Armenia, Canada (PC.DEL/1647/15 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1657/15 OSCE+), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/1637/15 OSCE+), Moldova, Norway, Bosnia and Herzegovina, United Kingdom (PC.DEL/1635/15 OSCE+), Montenegro (PC.DEL/1638/15 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Georgia (PC.DEL/1642/15 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1651/15 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN ASTANA

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1191 (PC.DEC/1191) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Kazakhstan

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN TAJIKISTAN

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1192 (PC.DEC/1192) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) Ongoing aggression against Ukraine and violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation: Ukraine (PC.DEL/1659/15 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/1656/15), Switzerland, Turkey (PC.DEL/1644/15 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1636/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1650/15 OSCE+)
- (b) Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1646/15), Ukraine
- (c) Abduction and illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation: Ukraine (PC.DEL/1658/15 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/1654/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1640/15), Canada (PC.DEL/1648/15 OSCE+)
- (d) The death penalty in Belarus: 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/1653/15), Belarus (PC.DEL/1665/15 OSCE+)
- (e) United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, observed on 25 November 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; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/1655/15), United States of America (PC.DEL/1641/15), Turkey (PC.DEL/1663/15 OSCE+), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, Norway and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/1649/15 OSCE+)

- (f) *Vandalism of monuments to Soviet soldiers in the OSCE area*: Russian Federation, Poland (PC.DEL/1664/15 Restr.), Ukraine
- (g) The death penalty in the United States of America: Norway (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Switzerland), United States of America

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

Joint press release by the Chairperson-in-Office and the Secretary General on the 24 November terrorist attack in Tunisia, issued on 25 November 2015 (SEC.PR/968/15): Chairperson (CIO.GAL/179/15)

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Visit of the Secretary General to Halifax, Canada, and to Boston, United States of America, from 18 to 21 November 2015 (SEC.GAL/203/15 OSCE+): Head of Conference Services
- (b) Visit to the Czech Republic by the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, undertaken on 26 and 27 November 2015 (SEC.GAL/203/15 OSCE+): Head of Conference Services
- (c) Training course for female water experts from Central Asia, held in Copenhagen from 23 to 27 November 2015 (SEC.GAL/203/15 OSCE+): Head of Conference Services
- (d) Conflict analysis and early warning skills workshops for the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, held in Kyiv and Dnepropetrovsk from 16 to 20 November 2015 (SEC.GAL/203/15 OSCE+): Head of Conference Services
- (e) Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/203/15 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

To be announced



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DECISION No. 1191 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN ASTANA

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana until 31 December 2016.



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DECISION No. 1192 EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN TAJIKISTAN

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan until 31 December 2016.