
Chairmanship: Austria**1170th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**1. Date: Thursday, 21 December 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Suspended: 1 p.m.

Resumed: 3.05 p.m.

Closed: 3.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON YOUTH AND SECURITY

Chairperson, Special Representatives of the Chairperson-in-Office on Youth and Security, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1726/17), Estonia-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 country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1731/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1728/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1727/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/1743/17 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

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

Chairperson, France

Decision: The Permanent Council placed the decision on the extension of the mandate of the Programme Office in Dushanbe, the text of which is appended to this journal, under a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on Thursday, 28 December 2017, at 3 p.m. CET.

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson, Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/1741/17), Estonia-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/1733/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1740/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1734/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/1745/17 OSCE+), Canada, France, Germany
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1742/17), Chairperson
- (c) *Forty-second round of the Geneva International Discussions, held on 12 and 13 December 2017*: Estonia-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 Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1732/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/1729/17/Rev.1), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1730/17), Georgia (PC.DEL/1735/17 OSCE+), Ukraine, United Kingdom
- (d) *Violations of the linguistic rights of national minorities in Latvia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1738/17), Latvia (PC.DEL/1743/17)

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

Eighty-third meeting of the Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM), held on 19 December 2017: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in a high-level panel discussion between the OSCE and the International Organization for Migration, held on 18 December 2017*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/195/17 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/195/17/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the European Union Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, held on 19 December 2017*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/195/17 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/195/17/Add.1 OSCE+)

- (c) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, held on 18 December 2017: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/195/17 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/195/17/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), held on 18 December 2017: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/195/17 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/195/17/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Participation of the Director of the Office of the Secretary General in the meeting of the Middle East Dialogue held in Baghdad on 15 and 16 December 2017: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/195/17 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/195/17/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (f) *Launching of a new project to support the implementation of the Dniester River Basin Treaty, held in Kyiv on 18 December 2017: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/195/17 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/195/17/Add.1 OSCE+)*
- (g) *Call for nominations for the position of Chief Monitor of the Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/195/17 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/195/17/Add.1 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Inaugural remarks by the Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE, H.E. Karin Kneissl, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria: Chairperson, Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/238/17 OSCE+), Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein) (PC.DEL/1736/17)*
- (b) *Farewell statement by the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship: Chairperson, Italy*
- (c) *Annual international Franco-German Prize for Human Rights and the Rule of Law: Germany (also on behalf of France)*
- (d) *Presidential election in the Russian Federation, to be held on 18 March 2018: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1737/17)*
- (e) *Response to the final report of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights on the early General Election held in the United Kingdom on 8 June 2017 (PC.DEL/1739/17 OSCE+): United Kingdom*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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**DECISION ON THE
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN DUSHANBE, SUBJECT TO A
SILENCE PROCEDURE EXPIRING ON THURSDAY,
28 DECEMBER 2017, 3 P.M. CET**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe until
31 December 2018.