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**Chairmanship: Austria****1163rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 9 November 2017

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.  
Resumed: 2.35 p.m.  
Closed: 4.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja  
Ambassador K. Kögeler

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, offered condolences to the United States of America in connection with the attack in Texas on 5 November 2017. The United States of America (PC.DEL/1490/17) thanked the Chairperson and the Permanent Council for the expressions of sympathy.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON  
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/4/17/Rev.1), Estonia-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/1514/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1491/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1492/17 OSCE+), Turkey, United States of America (PC.DEL/1493/17), Georgia, Kazakhstan, Norway (PC.DEL/1520/17), Turkmenistan, Canada, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1499/17 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/1508/17), Holy See (PC.DEL/1489/17 OSCE+), Malta (PC.DEL/1522/17 OSCE+), Armenia, Montenegro (PC.DEL/1517/17 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Greece, Serbia (PC.DEL/1498/17 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Moldova (PC.DEL/1510/17 OSCE+), Belarus, Uzbekistan, Romania (PC.DEL/1513/17 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MINSK GROUP

Discussion under agenda item 4

Agenda item 3: ADDRESS BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT DEALT WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK CONFERENCE

Discussion under agenda item 4

Agenda item 4: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE HIGH-LEVEL PLANNING GROUP

Chairperson, Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (Russian Federation), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (France), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (United States of America), Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, Head of the High-Level Planning Group, United States of America (PC.DEL/1494/17), 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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1501/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1511/17 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1495/17), Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1500/17 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/1504/17)

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/1509/17), 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 Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1516/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1503/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/1512/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/1497/17), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1505/17), Ukraine
- (c) *Situation of LGBTI persons in Tajikistan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1496/17), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/1507/17 OSCE+)

- (d) *Inadmissibility of the glorification of Nazism in Latvia: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1502/17), Latvia*

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

*Reinforced ambassadorial retreat, held in Eisenstadt, Austria, on 7 November 2017 (CIO.GAL/216/17 Restr.): Chairperson*

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/159/17 OSCE+): Head of Conference Services*
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Moscow from 1 to 3 November 2017: Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/159/17 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Participation of the Secretary General in the Warsaw Security Forum, held on 8 November 2017: Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/159/17 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Mediterranean Contact Group workshop on understanding mediation within the framework of women, peace and security, held on 7 and 8 November 2017 (PC.GAL/139/17 OSCE+): Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/159/17 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Call for nominations for the White Ribbon Award: Head of Conference Services (SEC.GAL/159/17 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Second Francophonie Women's Conference, held in Bucharest on 1 and 2 November 2017: Romania*
- (b) *Announcement of an ambassadorial charity concert, to be held in Vienna on 24 November 2017: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 16 November 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal