

Chairmanship: Serbia

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(1077th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Tuesday, 17 November 2015

Opened: 3.35 p.m.

Closed: 4.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Žugić

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson expressed condolences to the families of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris on 13 November 2015. The Council then observed a moment of silence.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Israel to the OSCE, Ambassador Talya Lador-Fresher.

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

Agenda item 1: DECLARATION ON THE 13 NOVEMBER TERRORIST
ATTACKS IN PARIS

Chairperson

Document adopted: The Permanent Council adopted the Declaration on the 13 November Terrorist Attacks in Paris (PC.DOC/3/15), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 2: RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS

France (Annex 1), 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 countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (Annex 2), Russian Federation (Annex 3), Switzerland, Canada,

Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1582/15 OSCE+), United States of America (Annex 4), Norway (PC.DEL/1580/15), Turkmenistan, Belarus (PC.DEL/1579/15 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/1575/15 OSCE+), Ukraine (Annex 5), Iceland, Armenia (PC.DEL/1584/15), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1574/14 OSCE+), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/1571/15 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/1576/15 OSCE+), Turkey (Annex 6), Mongolia (PC.DEL/1581/15 OSCE+), Moldova, Israel (Partner for Co-operation), Japan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/1572/15 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 19 November 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE

France was the victim on Friday in Saint-Denis and Paris of a cowardly attack of the utmost barbarity and on a hitherto unseen scale. Days of national mourning have been announced for 15, 16 and 17 November with flags flying at half mast on all of our buildings around the world. Together with the national community, we pay tribute to the victims and share the pain and distress of their families and friends. There was a minute of silence yesterday.

I thank all of our partners who have expressed their support and solidarity in these terrible moments. I thank all friends and fellow-ambassadors at the OSCE for their messages of sympathy and solidarity that we have been receiving throughout the weekend, on Friday/Saturday night and still today. In particular, I thank the Serbian OSCE Chairmanship which, together with the OSCE Secretary General, published a message of support on Friday/Saturday night. I also sincerely thank the Serbian Chairmanship for convening this special meeting of the Permanent Council on the attacks in Paris and for negotiating the Permanent Council Declaration on the 13 November Terrorist Attacks in Paris.

As the President of the Republic stated at the joint session of Parliament on 16 November: “On Friday, the terrorists’ target was France as a whole. France, which values life, culture, sports, celebrations. France, which makes no distinction as to colour, origin, background, religion. The France that the assassins wanted to kill was that of its young people in all their diversity. (...) What the terrorists were attacking was the France that is open to the world.”

We are united, determined and mobilized in the face of the disgraceful acts of the terrorists and the threat they pose.

Our actions in combating terrorism will continue, as we shall also pursue more than ever our fight for respect of our republican values and for human rights, the same values the terrorists want to eradicate. In this battle, the highest French authorities will continue to fight against any amalgamation or connection of terrorism with other factors. France is not at war with a religion. France is not at war with Islam and Muslims. As the Prime Minister has repeated, France will protect all of its citizens, be they believers or non-believers, as it has always done.

France also rejects any amalgamation in the context of the migration crisis. French humanitarian aid has been mobilized to respond to the dramatic human consequences of the conflicts in Syria and Iraq. France has also committed itself to welcome those who flee the violence and persecution. If there have been flaws in migration control exploited by terrorists, it is these flaws that have to be combated and not the refugees. They should not become victims again of terrorists and fundamentalists by being grouped in a simplistic amalgamation, which would lead to acts of violence and intolerance towards them.

In the context of the OSCE – something that our Minister of State for European Affairs will have the occasion to recall at the forthcoming Ministerial Council meeting in Belgrade – we also have a responsibility to strengthen judicial and police co-operation in the fight against criminal channels, be it arms trafficking, clandestine immigration or terrorist networks, but also to calm tensions between communities. In an atmosphere of heightened tensions, recalling our common values is the best defence against the spiral of hate. My delegation cannot subscribe to texts that could be interpreted as questioning the fundamental values of our Republic, freedom of conscience, religion or conviction, secularity, the dignity of every human being, and the universality of human rights.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The delegation of Luxembourg, in its capacity as EU Presidency, passed the floor to the representative of the European Union, who delivered the following statement:

The European Union would like to make reference to the joint statement of the Heads of State or Government and leaders of the European Union and its institutions on the terrorist attacks in Paris published last Saturday.

The European Union is deeply shocked and in mourning after the terrorist attacks in Paris. It is an attack against us all. We will face this threat together with all necessary means and ruthless determination.

France is a great and strong nation. Its values of liberty, equality and fraternity inspired and inspire the European Union. Today we stand united with the French people and the Government of France. This shameful act of terrorism will only achieve the opposite of its purpose, which was to divide, frighten, and sow hatred.

Good is stronger than evil. Everything that can be done at the European level to make France safe will be done. We will do what is necessary to defeat extremism, terrorism and hatred.

We Europeans will all remember 13 November 2015 as a European day of mourning.

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,¹ Montenegro¹ and Albania,¹ the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina, the European Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino, align themselves with this statement.

1 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

We express our sincere condolences and sympathy to the friendly nation of France, particularly to the families of the dead, following the unprecedented series of terrorist attacks in Paris on 13 November. We wish the speediest recovery to all those who have suffered at the hands of the terrorists.

In a telegram of condolence to the President of the French Republic Mr. François Hollande, the President of the Russian Federation Mr. Vladimir Putin strongly condemned these inhuman killings and said that the tragedy was additional proof of the barbaric nature of terrorism, which posed challenges to human civilization.

Unfortunately, Russia, like France, has also been confronted with the hard manifestations of terrorism. At a conference yesterday evening, 16 November, the President of the Russian Federation Mr. Vladimir Putin announced that the careful investigation by the intelligence services of Russia and Egypt of the personal effects, luggage and fragments of the aeroplane that crashed over the Sinai peninsula on 31 October 2015 had unequivocally established that the incident was the result of a terrorist attack.

Mr. Putin stated that this was not the first time that Russia had been confronted by barbaric terrorist acts. The killing of our people in Sinai was one of the bloodiest in terms of the number of crime victims. The tears in our hearts and souls will not be wiped away. They will remain with us forever. But it will not prevent us from finding and punishing the perpetrators. We shall search for them wherever they might be hiding. We shall find them wherever they are on the planet and we shall punish them. In doing so, Russia will act in strict compliance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations on the right to self-defence.

The tragedies in Paris, the Sinai peninsula, Turkey and other regions once again confirm the particular urgency of the fight against international terrorism and its manifold structures and the need for concerted efforts by all regional and supraregional partners. On many occasions the Russian Federation has called for the renunciation of double standards and of the politicization of the anti-terrorist agenda. The United Nations Security Council has

repeatedly emphasized in its decisions that terrorism cannot be condoned. No arguments can justify passiveness and disunity in the fight against this most serious challenge.

In that connection, we fully support the initiative by the Serbian Chairmanship to adopt an OSCE Permanent Council declaration regarding the recent terrorist attacks. It is important at this difficult time for our nations to demonstrate the solidarity and unity of our Organization in the most rapid eradication of this global evil.

The time has also come for more resolute steps. It is important to put aside any excuses, pretexts and preconditions and to concentrate on the creation of a genuinely universal anti-terrorist front in compliance with international law. The co-ordination of the efforts of Russia, the United States of America and other members of the international community are in the interests of humanity as a whole.

Russia is willing to co-operate very closely with France and other partners to step up efforts to combat terrorism. The organizers and perpetrators of the monstrous crimes in Paris and Sinai and other terrorist acts, including recent attacks in Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt, must receive the punishment they deserve.

Thank you for your attention.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The United States stands with the people of France in mourning the tragic loss of life in Paris, and we condemn, in the strongest terms, the terrorist attacks that shattered so many innocent lives. To the people of France: We grieve with you. We mourn alongside you. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their loved ones. Today and every day, we also remember those who perished during similar, heinous attacks at the *Charlie Hebdo* offices and kosher supermarket last January.

As President Obama stated, the attacks last Friday were not just an attack on Paris, but an attack on all humanity and the universal values we share, including the bonds of *liberté, égalité, and fraternité*. The United States and France are bound together by these timeless and democratic values.

As a mark of respect for the victims of these senseless acts of violence, President Obama issued a proclamation ordering that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff on all public buildings and facilities overseas until sunset on 19 November. The United States has also reiterated its support to the French government in our shared fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

In September 2001, the day after the United States suffered its own horrific terrorist attacks, the newspaper *Le Monde* published a headline that resonated across the United States, as our citizens were reeling from disbelief and pain. It read, “*Nous sommes tous Américains.*”

Ambassador Roger-Lacan: “*Aujourd’hui, nous sommes tous Français.*” We will remain in solidarity with France and fight alongside you to uphold the universal values that bind our nations together as allies, partners, and friends.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Mr. Chairperson,

Ukraine aligns itself with the statement made by the delegation of the European Union which we fully support. Now I would like to make some additional remarks in a national capacity.

Let me start by expressing heartfelt condolences on behalf of Ukraine to the families and friends of the innocent victims of the terrorist acts in Paris and by wishing a speedy recovery to the wounded. In these difficult moments Ukraine mourns together with the French nation for the terrible losses.

The news of the tragedy in Paris caused by the heinous terrorist attacks was received with deep shock and grief in Ukraine. The President of Ukraine and the President of the Republic of Slovenia, who was on a visit to Ukraine, issued a joint statement, expressing deepest condolences and solidarity with the French people and stating, in particular:

“This outrageous strike in the heart of Paris has been aimed at not only killing hundreds of peaceful civilians and intimidating millions of Europeans but also at undermining the core European values and multi-ethnic peace.

We are convinced that the terrorist threat to international peace must be decisively and swiftly tackled by a strong consolidated response of the global community. There must be a clear-cut preventive message sent to those, who support or encourage in any way the terrorist organizations and activities...”

The President of Ukraine emphasized that we stand side by side with the French people in the fight against terror at a time when France, Europe and the entire world are standing side by side with Ukraine in our fight against terrorism on Ukrainian territory.

I kindly request, Mr. Chairperson, that this statement be attached to the journal of this meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF TURKEY

Mr. Chairperson,

At the outset allow me to emphasize that Turkey is in the best place to fully empathize, sympathize and share the grief of the French people in light of our own tragic experience from terrorist attacks, the most recent one being in Ankara. Our President has offered President Hollande his condolences during a phone conversation.

In the wake of the horrific attacks which took place in Paris on 13 November, the Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey issued the following statement:

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“We strongly condemn the inhuman and dastardly terrorist attacks which were perpetrated tonight in Paris. We sincerely share the grief of French nation.

These attacks targeted not only the French nation, but also the entire humanity, democracy, freedoms and universal values. Terrorism has no religion, nationality or any value that it represents. Terrorism is a crime against humanity.

Turkey remains in full solidarity with France and other friendly and allied countries in countering terrorism. We will pursue together our fight against this scourge with determination.”

End of quote.

If I may quickly react to the remarks made by my distinguished French colleague: She said, we need to intensify our co-operation to meet the challenge that we are facing. She was wise to say that we need to make differentiation between those people who live in our societies with different backgrounds like for example migrants and those committing crime, to decrease tension that exists in our societies and to avoid generalizations. In this regard, policies towards combating intolerance and discrimination have gained special importance in our efforts aimed at countering terrorism and addressing violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism. We need to eliminate the conditions that cause tension and polarization in our societies. We already have commitments and enough basis to further deepen our

co-operation. We believe that opportunity to this end would be seized by the adoption of possible deliverables that we are now working on at the Belgrade Ministerial Council.

We once again, extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, to the French nation and government on this sad occasion, and wish a speedy recovery to the injured.

Thank you.



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DECLARATION ON THE 13 NOVEMBER TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS

We, the members of the Permanent Council of the OSCE, are horrified by the deadly terrorist attacks against civilians at six sites across Paris, including the Bataclan Concert Hall, on 13 November 2015, which took the lives of more than one hundred people and injured many others.

We offer heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the victims, and to the people and Government of France, and wish a speedy recovery to those who were injured.

We recall the recent terrorist attacks claimed or committed by ISIL/DAESH that occurred across the OSCE area and in its neighbourhood, taking the lives of many over the past months, in particular the terrorist attack on the Russian passenger jet A321 over the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, and the serious attack in Ankara, both committed in October 2015.

We condemn these brutal and indiscriminate acts of violence against innocent people and stress the need to bring the perpetrators to justice.

We resolutely condemn all forms and manifestations of terrorism, regardless of their motivation, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

We reiterate the need to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law, including applicable international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts.

We stand united in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism that leads to terrorism, while underlining that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality or civilization.

We emphasize that terrorism can only be defeated by a sustained and comprehensive approach involving the active participation and collaboration of all States and international and regional organizations to impede, impair, isolate and incapacitate the terrorist threat.

We reaffirm the steadfast determination of the participating States to protect the fundamental principles on which the OSCE is based, and to implement all OSCE commitments, particularly those related to combating terrorism and the phenomenon of

foreign terrorist fighters, countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism, to respecting human rights and the rule of law and to fostering tolerance and non-discrimination, mutual respect and understanding in our societies.