
Chairmanship: Italy**1187th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 31 May 2018

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
Closed: 4.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Azzoni

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, offered condolences to the families of the victims of the attacks in Liège, Belgium, on 29 May 2018 and Mississauga, Canada, on 24 May 2018.

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

Agenda item 1: **REPORT BY THE CHIEF OBSERVER OF THE OSCE
OBSERVER MISSION AT TWO RUSSIAN CHECKPOINTS
ON THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN BORDER**

Chairperson, Chief Observer of the OSCE Observer Mission at two Russian checkpoints on the Russian-Ukrainian border (PC.FR/12/18 OSCE+), 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, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/670/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/676/18), Turkey (PC.DEL/680/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/660/18) (PC.DEL/695/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/691/18 OSCE+), Hungary, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/664/18), Bulgaria-European Union

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE DATES AND AGENDA OF THE
2018 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1294 (PC.DEC/1294) on the dates and agenda of the 2018 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Prior to taking up current issue (b), the Chairperson delivered a statement.

- (a) *State responsibility for the downing of Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777-200, Flight MH17 on 17 July 2014:* Netherlands (also on behalf of Australia (Partner for Co-operation)) (PC.DEL/666/18 OSCE+), Australia (Partner for Co-operation), Bulgaria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/672/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/693/18 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/700/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/663/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/677/18), Belgium, Norway (PC.DEL/689/18), Sweden, France, Lithuania, Denmark (PC.DEL/697/18), Poland (PC.DEL/668/18 OSCE+), Finland, Romania, United Kingdom (PC.DEL/661/18), Estonia (PC.DEL/687/18 OSCE+), Latvia, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/662/18), Netherlands
- (b) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/681/18), Bulgaria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/673/18), Turkey (PC.DEL/682/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/665/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/694/18 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/699/18 OSCE+), Poland (PC.DEL/690/18 OSCE+)
- (c) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/669/18), Ukraine
- (d) *Recent developments in the occupied regions of Georgia:* Georgia (PC.DEL/678/18 OSCE+), Chairperson, 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 country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/671/18), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland and Norway)

(PC.DEL/698/18 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/692/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/667/18), Ukraine (PC.DEL/679/18), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/675/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/683/18 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/674/18)

- (e) *Violation of freedom of expression in Turkey: Armenia* (PC.DEL/696/18), Turkey

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

- (a) *First Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) on “Child Trafficking – From Prevention to Protection”, held on 28 and 29 May 2018; preparations for the Second Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) and for the 2018 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM): Chairperson*
- (b) *“5+2” talks as part of the Transdniestrian Settlement Process, held in Rome on 29 and 30 May 2018, convened by the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process, Mr. F. Frattini: Chairperson*
- (c) *Second Preparatory Meeting of the Twenty-Sixth OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, held in Venice, Italy, on 24 and 25 May 2018: Chairperson*
- (d) *Meeting of the alumni of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, to be held on 5 June 2018 (CIO.GAL/49/18 OSCE+): Chairperson*
- (e) *Ambassadorial retreat to be held in Trieste, Italy, from 7 to 9 June 2018: Chairperson*
- (f) *Launch by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy of a mobile application on the Italian language and culture: Chairperson*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Albania from 28 to 30 May 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/91/18/Add.1 OSCE+), Albania*
- (b) *South-Eastern Europe regional heads of OSCE missions meeting, held in Durrës, Albania, on 30 and 31 May 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/91/18/Add.1 OSCE+), United States of America*
- (c) *Participation of the Secretary General at the Minsk Dialogue Forum on 24 May 2018: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/91/18/Add.1 OSCE+)*

- (d) *Visit of the Secretary General to Bishkek on 22 and 23 May 2018*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/91/18/Add.1 OSCE+), United States of America, Kyrgyzstan
- (e) *Participation of the Secretary General at the GLOBSEC 2018 Bratislava Forum, held from 17 to 19 May 2018*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/91/18/Add.1 OSCE+)
- (f) *Secretary General's hour with the heads of delegations, to be held on 1 June 2018*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/91/18/Add.1 OSCE+), United States of America
- (g) *Planned visits and meetings of the Secretary General*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/91/18 OSCE+) (SEC.GAL/91/18/Add.1 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *High-level international conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018–2028", to be held in Dushanbe from 20 to 22 June 2018*: Tajikistan (PC.DEL/685/18 OSCE+)
- (b) *Conference on "Preventing and Countering Terrorism in the Digital Age", to be held in Minsk on 9 and 10 October 2018 (PC.DEL/657/18 Restr.)*: Belarus (PC.DEL/688/18 OSCE+)
- (c) *Twenty-second St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, held from 24 to 26 May 2018*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/686/18)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 6 June 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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DECISION No. 1294
**DATES AND AGENDA OF THE 2018 ECONOMIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Further to Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 on strengthening the effectiveness of the economic and environmental dimension of the OSCE, in which participating States agreed, *inter alia*, to hold the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on an annual basis in accordance with the mandate and modalities established by Permanent Council Decision No. 995,

Decides to convene the 2018 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on 15 and 16 October 2018 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda contained in the annex to this decision.

AGENDA OF THE 2018 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Vienna, 15 and 16 October 2018

Monday, 15 October 2018

- 9.30–11 a.m. Opening session: Taking stock of the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the field of energy, also in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- 11–11.30 a.m. Coffee/Tea break
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Session I: The energy sector in the era of digitalization
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.30–4 p.m. Session II: Implementing Ministerial Council Decision No. 6/13 on the protection of energy networks from natural and man-made disasters
- 4–4.30 p.m. Coffee/Tea break
- 4.30–6 p.m. Session III: Public-private partnerships for good governance and innovation in the energy sector

Tuesday, 16 October 2018

- 9.30–11 a.m. Session IV: Renewable energy and energy efficiency for promoting sustainable economic growth
- 11–11.30 a.m. Coffee/Tea break
- 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Session V: Pathways and challenges to sustainable energy
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.30–4 p.m. Closing session: Opportunities for strengthening dialogue and co-operation on energy security in the OSCE area
- 4–4.30 p.m. Closing remarks