
Chairmanship: Austria**1146th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**1. Date: Thursday, 18 May 2017Opened: 9.35 a.m.
Suspended: 12.35 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.20 p.m.2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Koja
Ambassador K. Kögeler
Mr. J. Heissel3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMISSION, MR. MAROŠ ŠEFČOVIČ

Chairperson, Vice-President of the European Commission, Malta-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 countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/662/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/658/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/648/17), Turkey (PC.DEL/651/17 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/668/17 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/652/17), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/666/17 OSCE+), Slovakia, Turkmenistan

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN
ASHGABAT

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat (PC.FR/11/17 OSCE+), Malta-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; and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/663/17), United States of America (PC.DEL/659/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/649/17), Turkey, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Turkmenistan

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/74/17 OSCE+)

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/653/17), Malta-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 Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/664/17), Switzerland (PC.DEL/655/17 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/661/17 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/660/17), Canada
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/650/17), Ukraine
- (c) *Remembrance of the victims of political repression by the communist totalitarian regime*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/654/17), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/656/17)
- (d) *Blocking of five online media outlets in Azerbaijan*: Malta-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; and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/665/17), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/667/17 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Ukraine, Malta-European Union, France
- (e) *International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT), observed on 17 May*: Portugal (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta-European Union, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/657/17 OSCE+), Holy See, United States of America, Malta-European Union, Russian Federation, France, Canada, Netherlands, Turkey

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

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Austria, to be held on 15 October 2017:*
Chairperson
- (b) *2017 OSCE-wide counter-terrorism conference on “Preventing and countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism”, to be held in Vienna on 23 and 24 May 2017:* Chairperson
- (c) *Update on the informal meeting of the OSCE Ministers for Foreign Affairs to be held in Mauerbach, Austria, on 11 July 2017:* Chairperson
- (d) *Academic conference and ambassadorial retreat, held in Linz, Austria, on 16 and 17 May 2017:* Chairperson
- (e) *Ambassadorial retreat to be held in Retz, Austria, on 1 and 2 June 2017:*
Chairperson
- (f) *Seventy-seventh meeting of the Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM), held on 11 May 2017:* Chairperson
- (g) *Recent developments along the Nagorno-Karabakh line of contact:*
Chairperson
- (h) *Think Tank Conference on “Rebuilding Trust. Dialogue – Interaction – Crisis Management”, held in Vienna from 11 to 13 May 2017:* Chairperson
- (i) *Consultations on the draft decisions on OSCE human dimension events to be held in 2017:* Chairperson
- (j) *Update on the selection processes for the positions of Secretary General of the OSCE and Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights:* Chairperson
- (k) *Update on the selection process for the position of OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media:* Chairperson
- (l) *Extension of the deadline for the nomination of candidates for the Panel of Adjudicators:* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/75/17 OSCE+):* Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia on 17 May 2017:* Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/75/17 OSCE+)

- (c) *Participation of the Secretary General in the 45th INTERPOL European Regional Conference, held in St. Johann im Pongau, Austria, from 16 to 18 May 2017: Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/75/17 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OSCE, Ambassador O. Algayerová: Chairperson, Slovakia

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 25 May 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal