
Chairmanship: Italy**1190th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 21 June 2018

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 1.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador L. Fratini

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, 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 countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/786/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/767/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/772/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/795/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/768/18), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/790/18 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/793/18 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/779/18)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE PROGRAMME OFFICE IN ASTANA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana (PC.FR/18/18 OSCE+), 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; and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/787/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/769/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/773/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/784/18 OSCE+),

United States of America (PC.DEL/774/18), Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan (PC.DEL/785/18 OSCE+), Kazakhstan

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1298 (PC.DEC/1298) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the text of which is appended to this journal.

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 country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia and San Marino, in alignment) (interpretative statement, see attachment 1 to the decision), Canada (interpretative statement, see attachment 2 to the decision), Russian Federation (interpretative statement, see attachment 3 to the decision), United States of America (interpretative statement, see attachment 4 to the decision), Turkey (interpretative statement, see attachment 5 to the decision), Ukraine (interpretative statement, see attachment 6 to the decision)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE DATES AND VENUE OF THE 2018
OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1299 (PC.DEC/1299) on the dates and venue of the 2018 OSCE Asian Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Australia (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine and the illegal occupation of Crimea:* Ukraine (PC.DEL/782/18), 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 and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/788/18), Switzerland (PC.DEL/775/18 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/796/18 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/776/18), Canada (PC.DEL/794/18 OSCE+), France
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the need to implement the Minsk agreements:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/780/18), Ukraine

- (c) *International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, observed on 19 June 2018*: 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; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/789/18), Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/778/18), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/781/18 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Conference on the tenth anniversary of the Bolzano/Bozen Recommendations on National Minorities in Inter-State Relations, jointly organized by the OSCE Chairmanship and the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, to be held in Udine, Italy, on 15 and 16 July 2018*: Chairperson
- (b) *Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Scales of Contributions, to be held in Rome on 25 June 2018*: Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the 16th edition of the Oslo Forum, held on 19 and 20 June 2018*: Secretary General
- (b) *Meeting between the Secretary General and the Prosecutor General of Uzbekistan on 15 May 2018*: Secretary General
- (c) *Seminar on best practices in countering money laundering through offshore activities, organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, held in Ulaanbaatar on 14 and 15 June 2018*: Secretary General
- (d) *Participation of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in a briefing hosted by the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT), held on 14 June 2018*: Secretary General
- (e) *Participation of the Secretary General in the high-level event Climate, Peace and Security: The Time for Action, to be held in Brussels on 22 June 2018*: Secretary General
- (f) *Exchange of letters between the OSCE and the European Union*: Secretary General, Chairperson

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *World Music Day, being observed on 21 June 2018*: Chairperson

- (b) *Agreement between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece regarding the name issue, signed on 17 June 2018: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/791/18 OSCE+), Greece, Chairperson, Bulgaria-European Union, United States of America (PC.DEL/777/18/Rev.1)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 5 July 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1298
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 31 December 2018.

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

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

“In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the European Union would like to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure:

The European Union stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.”

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Georgia, Andorra 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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Attachment 2

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Canada:

“Mr. Chairperson,

Canada wishes to make an interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure in connection with the Permanent Council decision just adopted on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire country of Ukraine, including Crimea. In this context, we wish to reiterate our full support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. Canada has not and will not recognize the illegal annexation of Ukraine’s Autonomous Republic of Crimea by the Russian Federation.

Canada requests that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you.”

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Attachment 3

ENGLISH
Original: RUSSIAN

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

“In joining the consensus on the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 31 December 2018, we take the position that it corresponds to the new political and legal situation in the region, according to which the Republic of Crimea and the federal city of Sevastopol are an integral part of Russia. Consequently, the Co-ordinator’s activities, including project activities, do not apply to these constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

I request that this statement be appended to the Permanent Council decision adopted, and included in the journal of the day.”

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Attachment 4

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of the United States of America:

“In connection with the adoption of the decision for the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the United States would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

The United States notes that Crimea remains an integral and internationally recognized part of Ukraine, despite Russia’s ongoing occupation and attempted annexation. The mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine applies to the entire country of Ukraine, including Crimea.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the decision and to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

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Attachment 5

Original: ENGLISH

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Turkey:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Turkey wishes to make the following interpretative statement under the relevant provisions of the OSCE Rules of Procedure:

Turkey reiterates that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine covers the entire territory of Ukraine, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, which Turkey continues to regard as part of Ukraine.

I request that this interpretative statement be attached to the journal of the day as well as to the decision in question.

Thank you.”

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Ukraine:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the delegation of Ukraine would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which are an integral part of Ukraine, were illegally occupied and subjected to attempted annexation by the Russian Federation in violation of the OSCE principles and commitments and norms of international law. The sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders are safeguarded by the Constitution and legislation of Ukraine and norms of international law. The territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders was reconfirmed by the UN General Assembly resolutions 68/262 ‘Territorial integrity of Ukraine’ of 27 March 2014, 71/205 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)’ of 19 December 2016 and 72/190 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’ of 19 December 2017.

Ukraine stresses that the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine extends to the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The delegation of Ukraine requests that this statement be attached to this decision and registered in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”



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DECISION No. 1299
DATES AND VENUE OF THE 2018 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE

(Canberra, Australia, 5 and 6 November 2018)

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the offer by Australia to host the 2018 OSCE Asian Conference, and further to discussions with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2018 OSCE Asian Conference in Canberra, Australia, on 5 and 6 November 2018.

The agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the Conference will be further elaborated in the framework of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation and submitted to the Permanent Council for adoption.