
Chairmanship: Kazakhstan**809th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 13 May 2010

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Closed: 12.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to the participating States that had lost citizens in the recent aeroplane crash in Tripoli.

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN

Chairperson, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan (PC.FR/6/10 OSCE+), Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/390/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/398/10 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/384/10), Uzbekistan

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM UNIT

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit (SEC.GAL/86/10), Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/391/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/399/10/Corr.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/385/10), Moldova

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *The death penalty in the United States of America: Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/392/10), San Marino (PC.DEL/397/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/386/10/Rev.1)*
- (b) *Cases of Mr. M. Autukhovich, Mr. U. Asipenka and Mr. M. Kazlov in Belarus: Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/393/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/387/10), Belarus (PC.DEL/400/10 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Fifth anniversary of the events of 13 May 2005 in Andijon, Uzbekistan: Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/394/10), Uzbekistan*
- (d) *Case of journalist Mr. E. Vardanean: United States of America (PC.DEL/388/10), Moldova (PC.DEL/395/10)*
- (e) *Floods in Tajikistan: Tajikistan (PC.DEL/389/10), Chairperson*
- (f) *Second Trans-Asian Parliamentary Forum, to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, from 14 to 16 May 2010: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*

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

- (a) *Meeting between the Chairperson-in-Office and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, in Astana, on 6 May 2010: Chairperson*
- (b) *Meeting between the Chairperson-in-Office and the Special Assistant to the President of the United States of America on National Security, in Astana, on 7 May 2010: Chairperson*
- (c) *Meeting between the Chairperson-in-Office and the President of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, in Astana, on 11 May 2010: Chairperson*

- (d) *Meeting between the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Discussions and the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, in Moscow, on 11 May 2010: Chairperson*
- (e) *Participation of Mr. S. Stevenson, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Environment Issues, in a meeting of the Economic and Environmental Committee held in Vienna on 12 May 2010: Chairperson*
- (f) *Telephone conversation between the Chairperson-in-Office and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan on 5 May 2010: Chairperson*
- (g) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Kabul on 17 May 2010: Chairperson*
- (h) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Dushanbe on 19 May 2010: Chairperson*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/89/10 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Introduction of the incoming Director for Management and Finance, Mr. S. Lauritzen, and expression of gratitude to the outgoing Director for Management and Finance, Mr. J. Hili: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/89/10 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Submission of the 2011 Programme Outline on 19 May 2010: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/89/10 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Belgium, to be held on 13 June 2010: Belgium (Annex 1)*
- (b) *Chairmanship of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- (c) *Second World Conference on Inter-Religious and Inter-Civilization Dialogue, held from 6 to 9 May 2010 in Ohrid, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Annex 2)*
- (d) *Organizational matters related to the High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, to be held in Astana on 29 and 30 June 2010, and the informal meeting of the OSCE ministers for foreign affairs, to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 10 and 11 July 2010: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday 20 May 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BELGIUM

Mr. Chairperson,

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of Belgium to the OSCE takes this opportunity to inform the Permanent Council that on Sunday, 13 June 2010, legislative elections to the Federal Parliament will be organized in Belgium.

In line with the commitments that Belgium has undertaken within the OSCE, in particular the 1990 Copenhagen commitments with respect to elections, Belgium invites the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the participating States to observe the conduct of the elections.

I would ask you, Mr. Chairperson, to attach the text of my statement to the journal of this meeting.



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

Dear colleagues and friends,

On the 11 May, just two days ago, the Republic of Macedonia has taken over the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers in the Council of Europe.

After the presentation of the Report of the outgoing Swiss Chairmanship, the Foreign Minister, H.E. Mr. Antonio Milososki – who will be chairing the Committee over the next six months – announced the priorities of the Macedonian Chairmanship, which will focus on three areas:

- Strengthening human rights protection;
- Fostering integration while respecting diversity;
- Promoting youth participation.

The Macedonian Chairmanship will hold a series of events throughout its tenure to emphasize this focus.

Minister Milososki will address the Permanent Council on the 10 June and personally elaborate the priorities of the Macedonian Chairmanship.

The second issue I want to share with you today is the Second World Conference on Inter-Religious and Inter-Civilization Dialogue: “Religions and Cultures – Strengthening Link among Nations” that took place from 6 to 8 May this year in Ohrid, the Republic of Macedonia. The Conference was supported by the Macedonian Government and UNESCO as a part of the MDG Programme “Enhancing Inter-Ethnic Community Dialogue and Collaboration”, and funded by a generous donation from the Spanish Government. It held in the framework of the UN International Decade for the Culture and Peace and International Year for the Rapprochement of cultures. Around 500 politicians, scientific and cultural experts on intercultural dialogue and representatives from diverse religions worldwide have attended the event.

They were discussing the role of religion and culture in the transformation of the society and the impact of the globalization process, the impact of cultural heritage on the promotion of mutual confidence and respect, strengthening and further fostering of dialogue for the purpose of increasing mutual confidence among members of different religions, preventing any occurrence of conflicts, as well as the contribution of the media to the promotion of peace, security and raising mutual religious tolerance.

This is in fact a continuation of the First World Conference on Inter-Religious and Inter-Civilization Dialogue: “Contribution of religion and Culture to Peace, Mutual Respect and Co-Existence”, held in Ohrid in 2007. We expect that this Conference, which is becoming a traditional one – it is already agreed that the next one will be held in 2013 in Ohrid – will further contribute to the promotion of religion and culture as factors of peace and respect for religious rights and cultural diversities, and foundations for peace and prosperity.

The Declaration, adopted at the Conference, will be submitted to the UNGA, the Chief Representative of the UN Secretary General for the AoC, the UNESCO, the EU, the CoE, the OSCE, the League of Arab States, Economic Development Organization, the African Union, the Association of South Asian Nations, the Organization of American States, the World Conference of Churches, Conference of European Churches, the International Francophone Organization, other regional and international organizations, as well as the Governments of the UN Member States.

I would kindly request the Chairperson to include this statement in the journal of the day. The integral text of the Ohrid Declaration will be delivered to the participating States.

Thank you for your attention.