
Chairmanship: Ireland**924th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 20 September 2012

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O’Leary
Ms. M. Feeney

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson expressed condolences to the United States of America in connection with the deaths of the U.S. Ambassador to Libya and three staff members in an attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, on 11 September 2012.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA, H.E. SERGI KAPANADZE

Chairperson, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia (PC.DEL/849/12), Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/851/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/845/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/856/12), Turkey (PC.DEL/850/12), Armenia, Canada

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF TURKIC-SPEAKING
COUNTRIES, MR. RAMIL HASANOV

Chairperson, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of
Turkic-speaking Countries, Kazakhstan, Turkey (PC.DEL/855/12),
Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia

Agenda item 3: OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/20/12/Rev.1
OSCE+), Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the
candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland,
Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association
Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the
European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European
Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/852/12),
United States of America (PC.DEL/846/12), Russian Federation
(PC.DEL/857/12 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/843/12 OSCE+), Turkey
(PC.DEL/841/12 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/863/12 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Response to a statement made by the United States of America at the
923rd meeting of the Permanent Council on the situation of members of the
Roma community in participating States of the OSCE: Hungary*
(PC.DEL/839/12)
- (b) *Manifestations of aggressive nationalism and neo-Nazism in participating
States of the OSCE: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/858/12), Belarus,
United States of America, Latvia (PC.DEL/860/12), Lithuania
(PC.DEL/842/12), Estonia (PC.DEL/859/12), Turkey*
- (c) *Death penalty in the United States of America: Cyprus-European Union (with
the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the
Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries
Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova
and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/854/12), Liechtenstein (also on
behalf of Norway and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/838/12), United States
of America (PC.DEL/848/12)*
- (d) *Situation in Belarus: United States of America (PC.DEL/844/12),
Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate
countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro
and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and
potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as
the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway,*

members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/853/12), Belarus, Germany

- (e) *Freedom of assembly in the United States of America: Belarus, United States of America*

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

Announcement of the distribution of a report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office: Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Report on the OSCE ambassadorial visit to Yerevan and Baku from 6 to 11 September 2012: Norway (PC.DEL/840/12)*
- (b) *Second Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Western Mediterranean Dialogue, the "5+5" Summit, to be held in Valletta on 5 and 6 October 2012: Malta*
- (c) *Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation in the United States of America: United States of America (PC.DEL/847/12)*
- (d) *Fourth meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), held in Astana on 12 September 2012: Kazakhstan*
- (e) *Parliamentary elections to be held in San Marino on 11 November 2012: San Marino*
- (f) *Framework agreement on extra-budgetary contributions between Norway and the OSCE: Norway*
- (g) *Parliamentary elections to be held in Romania on 9 December 2012: Romania (PC.DEL/861/12)*
- (h) *Recent election observation activities by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and co-operation between the ODIHR and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly with regard to election observation: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*

- (i) *Meeting of the open-ended Informal Working Group on Strengthening the Legal Framework of the OSCE, to be held on 21 September 2012: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 October 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal