

Chairmanship: Ireland

936th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 20 December 2012

Opened: 10.25 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O'Leary

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC SPEAKING
STATES, H.E. HALIL AKINCI

Chairperson, Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (PC.DEL/1176/12), 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1174/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/1173/12), Kazakhstan, Turkey (PC.DEL/1178/12), Kyrgyzstan (Annex), Azerbaijan, Armenia (PC.DEL/1183/12)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE OSCE CENTRE IN ASTANA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1069 (PC.DEC/1069) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Astana, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Kazakhstan (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

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

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1070 (PC.DEC/1070) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND
ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2013
OSCE-AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING THE
SECURITY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1071 (PC.DEC/1071) on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2013 OSCE-Australia Conference on Improving the Security of Women and Girls, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Australia (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Twenty-second round of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 12 December 2012:* 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1175/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/1170/12), Russian Federation, Georgia (PC.DEL/1180/12), Chairperson
- (b) *Situation of the civil society in Belarus:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1169/12), Russian Federation, Belarus (PC.DEL/1172/12)

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

Twenty-ninth meeting of the Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM), held on 18 December 2012: Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit by the Secretary General to Kyiv on 13 December 2012:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/239/12 OSCE+)

- (b) *Workshop on the topic: "Towards a Strategy for Reconciliation in the OSCE Area" held in Vienna on 18 December 2012*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/239/12 OSCE+)
- (c) *Appeal for nominations for seconded positions*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/239/12 OSCE+)
- (d) *Workshop on Multilateral Negotiations for Young Diplomats from Participating States in Central Asia and from Afghanistan*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/239/12 OSCE+)
- (e) *Announcement of the appointment of the Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/239/12 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 8: OSCE MEDAL AWARD CEREMONY

Secretary General, Mr. W. Höyneck (CIO.GAL/182/12), Ms. P. Badescu, Mr. B. T. George, Ms. A. M. Gheballi-Ridoux

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presentation by Kazakhstan on its Strategy "2050: New Political Course of the Established State"*: Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1181/12 OSCE+)
- (b) *Referendum on the future development of nuclear energy in Bulgaria, to be held on 27 January 2013*: Bulgaria
- (c) *Presidential elections to be held on 18 February 2013 in Armenia*: Armenia
- (d) *Referendum on the establishment of a professional army in Austria, to be held on 20 January 2013*: Austria
- (e) *Matters of protocol*: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- (f) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Mongolia, Ambassador E. Jargalsaikhan*: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Mongolia
- (g) *Farewell of the Irish Chairmanship*: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF KYRGYZSTAN

Mr. Chairperson,
Distinguished participants,

Allow me to welcome the Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (CCTS), Mr. Halil Akinci, to the OSCE Permanent Council and thank him and his team for their fruitful work in the CCTS, and for his substantive statement at today's meeting.

In a globalized world and at a time of shrinking distances and mutual rapprochement of nations, no single State or nation can remain on the sidelines of what is happening in the world. The CCTS is designed to identify common interests and examine questions concerned with improving prosperity and protecting regional peace and stability, humanitarian standards and cultural heritage.

As you know, Kyrgyzstan is currently chairing the CCTS. In August of this year Bishkek hosted the second CCTS summit, where the four Turkic-speaking States signed agreements on the creation of a Turkic Academy in Astana and a Foundation of Turkic Culture and Heritage in Baku along with an agreement on the financial rules of the CCTS. The Bishkek Declaration was also signed. These and other important Council decisions once again testify to the growing rapprochement of the Turkic-speaking States.

The Council brings together four States, although there are 40 Turkic-speaking countries in the world, with a population of 200 million. The four countries of the Council fully understand and agree on practically all issues. And we intend to continue effective co-operation and search for joint ways of resolving the issues that affect the national interests of the four countries. All the CCTS participating countries have recognized the importance of joint strategic partnership. We share the view that a priority in the relations between our States is unity for the good of our fraternal peoples because the links between our States are based on common historical, cultural and moral values and on a common language group.

Distinguished participants,

I cannot but mention the following.

As you are aware, the OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Dublin was unable to ensure the participation of the CCTS and the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-Speaking Countries (TURKPA) as invited organizations alongside other international organizations. And we called attention to this matter in our interpretative statement. However, we are not making an issue out of this. A similar situation occurred exactly a year ago during the previous Chairmanship.

We sincerely hope and truly welcome the prospect that this matter will be resolved positively during the forthcoming Ukrainian Chairmanship.

In conclusion, we once again urge the OSCE participating States to support us.

Thank you for your attention.



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**DECISION No. 1069
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE CENTRE IN ASTANA**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Astana until
31 December 2013.

PC.DEC/1069
20 December 2012
Attachment

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 Kazakhstan:

“Mr. Chairperson,

In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, paragraph IV.1(A)6 and with regard to the decision just adopted by the Permanent Council on the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Astana, Delegation of Kazakhstan would like to make the following interpretative statement:

Delegation of Kazakhstan joins the consensus on the decision of the Permanent Council on the mandate of the OSCE Centre in Astana. Taking this opportunity we would like to reiterate that Kazakhstan attaches great importance to efficient and effective functioning of the OSCE Centre in Astana.

The programmatic activities of the Centre should be transparent, accountable and result-oriented.

In order to increase transparency and effectiveness of projects implemented, evaluation of the Centre activities in overall and its each project should be conducted on a regular basis. This evaluation should be based on certain outputs/benchmarks outlined in a project. Follow-up to projects should also be exercised.

Moreover it is important that throughout the process of preparation of the Centre's Programme Outline as well as budget and projects development, governmental bodies of Kazakhstan are consulted. Let me stress yet again that co-operation and participation of governmental bodies are key to successful implementation of projects.

Finally the activities of the Centre should be focused, as stated in the Istanbul European Security Charter, on providing assistance and advice or formulating recommendations in areas agreed by the OSCE and the host country. Capacity-building of the host country with the view of gradual transfer Centre's functions to the host country in the foreseeable future should be at the core of every project it implements.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”



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**DECISION No. 1070
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan until 31 December 2013.



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**DECISION No. 1071
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE 2013 OSCE-AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING
THE SECURITY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS**

(Adelaide, Australia, 18 and 19 March 2013)

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion within the framework of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Welcoming the offer by Australia to host the annual Conference with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2013 OSCE-Australia Conference on Improving the Security of Women and Girls;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference as contained in the annex.

**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE 2013 OSCE-AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING
THE SECURITY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Adelaide, Australia, 18 and 19 March 2013

**Co-hosted by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia
and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)**

I. Agenda

Monday, 18 March 2013

8.30–9.15 a.m. Registration of participants

9.15–10 a.m. Opening session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office or
representative of the host country

- Representative of the host country
- Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
- Representative of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with
the Asian Partners for Co-operation
- Secretary General of the OSCE

10–10.30 a.m. Coffee break

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Combating gender-based violence against women and girls

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian
Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian
Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Prevention of gender-based violence against women and girls:
implementing the rule of law;

- Protecting refugees and internally displaced women and girls from gender-based violence;
- Exploitation of women for terrorist purposes.

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

1–3 p.m.

Lunch

3–5.30 p.m.

Economic empowerment of women

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Empowering women as decision-makers;
- Promoting women's entrepreneurship;
- The link between the national economy and gender equality.

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

Tuesday, 19 March 2013

9–11.30 a.m.

Combating all forms of human trafficking

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Combating all forms of trafficking in human beings: Lessons learned and emerging challenges – Asia-Pacific perspectives;
- Impact of anti-trafficking policies on the human rights of vulnerable and trafficked persons, especially women and girls;
- The connection between economic growth and trafficking of women and girls – increase or decrease?

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

11.30 a.m.–12 noon Coffee break

12 noon–1.30 p.m. Closing session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office

Discussion and assessment of the OSCE Asian dialogue

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country

Concluding statement by a representative the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation

1.30 p.m. End of Conference

II. Participation

The OSCE participating States are invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE executive structures and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Community of Democracies, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic

Co-operation Organization, Eurasian Economic Community, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of the Red Cross, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, United Nations, United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, World Customs Organization and the World Bank.

Representatives of the members of the ARF may attend as guests of the host country. Other countries and organizations may also be invited by the host country.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

III. Timetable and other organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening session) on 18 March 2013 and end at 1:30 p.m. on 19 March 2013.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and a representative of the host country.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council.

Rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The opening and closing sessions will be open to the media. The Conference will be held in Adelaide, Australia. The working language will be English.

On the margins of the Conference, a side event on regional security architecture in Asia may be organized.