
Chairmanship: Ukraine

953rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 16 May 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 12.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Romania to the OSCE, Ambassador C. Istrate, who delivered some remarks to mark the assumption of his post.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND CO-ORDINATOR FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (SEC.GAL/88/13), Chairperson, Ireland-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, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/341/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/338/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/354/13), Switzerland (PC.DEL/344/13), Turkey (PC.DEL/347/13), Holy See (PC.DEL/350/13), Belarus (PC.DEL/351/13), Azerbaijan

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 PROGRAMME OUTLINE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Chairperson, Secretary General, Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as

Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/342/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/339/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/352/13 OSCE+), Switzerland (also on behalf of Serbia), Canada (PC.DEL/343/13 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/348/13 OSCE+), Norway, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, celebrated on 17 May 2013*: United States of America (PC.DEL/340/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/353/13)
- (b) *Freedom of the media in the United States of America*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/355/13), United States of America

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

- (a) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to the United States of America from 6 to 9 May 2013*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/13)
- (b) *Visit by the Co-Chairs of the Geneva Discussions to Tbilisi, Sukhumi and Tskhinvali from 13 to 18 May 2013*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/57/13)

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Minister of Defence of Slovenia, H.E. R. Jakič, held in Vienna on 13 May 2013*: Secretary General
- (b) *Regional meeting of the heads of the field operations in South-Eastern Europe, held in Skopje on 14 and 15 May 2013*: Secretary General
- (c) *Appointment of Ambassador T. Staykov as Head of the Community Security Initiative in Kyrgyzstan*: Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Third trilateral summit meeting of the Presidents of Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, held in Ankara on 14 and 15 May 2013*: Turkey (also on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia) (PC.DEL/346/13)
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Norway, to be held on 9 September 2013*: Norway
- (c) *National Day for the Abolition of Slavery and the Slave Trade in France, celebrated on 10 May 2013*: France (PC.DEL/349/13)
- (d) *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, Chairperson

- (e) *Integration of the Roma population in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- (f) *Selection process for the position of High Commissioner on National Minorities: Chairperson*
- (g) *OSCE Youth Summit, to be held in Crimea, Ukraine, from 20 July to 1 August 2013: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 30 May 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal