
Chairmanship: Kazakhstan**835th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 11 November 2010

Opened: 9.40 a.m.

Closed: 1.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE, H.E. PAVLO KLIMKIN

Chairperson, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (PC.DEL/1071/10), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1060/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1066/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/1073/10), United Kingdom

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT DEALT WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK CONFERENCE

Chairperson, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (France), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (United States of America), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (Russian Federation), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade

Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1078/10), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/1079/10), Armenia (PC.DEL/1080/10)

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MINSK GROUP

Discussion under agenda item 2

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WORK IN THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted a decision on strengthening and improving the effectiveness of work in the economic and environmental dimension (PC.DEC/958), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE NINETEENTH ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted a decision on the theme, agenda and modalities for the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum (PC.DEC/959), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson, Azerbaijan (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 6: PRESENTATION BY THE OSCE ACADEMY IN BISHKEK (2010–2011)

Chairperson, Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek (SEC.GAL/191/10) (SEC.GAL/191/10/Add.1), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1065/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/1075/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1067/10), Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 7: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Case of the journalist Mr. Oleg Kashin:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1069/10), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1064/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/1077/10), Chairperson

- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, held on 7 November 2010:* Belgium-European Union (PC.DEL/1061/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/1074/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1068/10), Norway (PC.DEL/1059/10), Ukraine (also on behalf of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Moldova), Azerbaijan
- (c) *Visit by the Presidents of Serbia and Croatia to Vukovar and Paulin Dvor on 4 November 2010:* Croatia (also on behalf of Serbia) (Annex), United States of America (PC.DEL/1076/10), Belgium-European Union (PC.DEL/1062/10), Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Address by the Chairperson-in-Office to an OSCE-supported counter-narcotics training course for police officers from Afghanistan, in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 10 November 2010:* Chairperson
- (b) *Attendance by the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for Protracted Conflicts, Ambassador Bolat Nurgaliyev, of the Review Conference on Confidence-Building Measures in the Transdnistria Settlement Process, held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on 9 and 10 November 2010:* Chairperson
- (c) *Address by the Chairperson-in-Office to a special meeting of the Permanent Council, to be held on Monday, 15 November 2010:* Chairperson

Agenda item 9: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit by the Head of the Strategic Police Matters Unit to Bishkek from 10 to 14 November 2010:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/192/10 OSCE+)
- (b) *Appeal for the nomination of candidates for the Secretariat:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/192/10 OSCE+)

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Matters of protocol:* Chairperson, Albania, United States of America
- (b) *Liberalization of the visa regime between Albania and the European Union:* Albania, Chairperson

- (c) *Follow-up to the final report of the OSCE/ODIHR election observation mission on the parliamentary elections in Belgium, held in June 2007: Belgium (PC.DEL/1063/10)*
- (d) *Liberalization of the visa regime between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Union: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 15 November 2010, at 11 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CROATIA
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF SERBIA)**

Mr. Chairperson,

I have the honour to address the Permanent Council on behalf of the delegations of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Croatia. We would like to draw your attention to the important visit of the President of Serbia, Boris Tadić, to Vukovar and Paulin Dvor, on 4 November 2010.

On that occasion President Tadić, accompanied by the President of the Republic of Croatia, Ivo Josipović, visited Ovčara, the site of the massacre of innocent victims of the war in 1991. Laying a wreath and paying homage to the innocent victims, the President of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Tadić, stated: "I am here today to bow before the victims, and my intention is to show them my respect. I am here to voice once again words of apology while bowing to the victims, to express regret and create conditions whereby Serbia and Croatia will turn a new page in their history. When our peoples tread the path of reconciliation, a new future can be ushered in, and I consider that what has happened between the Serbs and the Croats in the course of the twentieth century should be closed in the book of history. The Republic of Serbia, the democratic Serbia, wishes to establish a policy of good neighbourliness and co-operation, a policy that presumes reconciliation, that opens up new possibilities to people, one that is diametrically opposed to the one followed in the 1990s."

President Josipović stated that Ovčara was a place of pain, the site of suffering of human beings who had been victims of a senseless and absurd policy. We have come to this place to bow before the victims, to express our condolences to the families, but also to promise that not a single crime will go unpunished. We have come with the desire to show that a different policy, a policy of peace and friendship, is possible.

The two Presidents also met with the representatives of the Croatian Associations of Victims of War and the families of the missing persons, in the presence of the Prime Minister of Croatia, Jadranka Kosor, who also met with President Tadić. A meeting was also held with the representatives of the Serbian community.

Presidents Tadić and Josipović also visited Paulin Dvor and paid homage to 19 innocent civilian victims, most of them of Serbian nationality, who were murdered in December 1991. President Josipović expressed his apologies regarding that crime, saying that

it “deserves condemnation; its victims deserve our sympathy; and the victim’s families deserve our apology”. He further stated that Croatia would prosecute the perpetrators of every crime no matter who they were, and that such a policy “has made possible reconciliation, and good relations among peoples, countries and nations”.

In calling attention to this important day and the statements of the Presidents of Serbia and Croatia, our delegations wish to stress its symbolism and the historic implications of these gestures for the relations between Serbia and Croatia and for the stability of our region.

Thank you.



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PC Journal No. 835, Agenda item 4

DECISION No. 958
STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
WORK IN THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION

The Permanent Council,

Reaffirming the commitments in the OSCE's economic and environmental dimension,

Underlining the importance and increasing relevance of the economic and environmental dimension as an integral part of the OSCE concept of comprehensive, co-operative and indivisible security,

Stressing the need to continue to streamline and improve the effectiveness of the OSCE's work in the economic and environmental dimension,

Recalling Athens Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/09, which, *inter alia*, tasked the Permanent Council, through its relevant informal subsidiary body and with the support of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, with identifying and adopting, by the end of 2010, appropriate measures to implement recommendations contained in the 2009 Chairmanship's Report on the Future Orientation of the Economic and Environmental Dimension of the OSCE (CIO.GAL/97/09),

Reaffirming that the Economic and Environmental Forum remains the main annual event in the OSCE economic and environmental dimension,

Taking note of the relevant related discussions that took place in 2010,

Decides to synchronize the annual cycle of work in the economic and environmental dimension with the Chairmanship year.

The annual Economic and Environmental Forum will consist of three meetings, each of which will be from two to four days long.

The concluding meeting will be organized in Prague.

In line with previous Permanent Council decisions, the structure of each Economic and Environmental Forum will be determined by the decision by the Permanent Council

regarding the theme(s), agenda and modalities for the Forum, to be adopted in good time, at the proposal of the incoming Chairmanship.

In order to strengthen and improve the effectiveness of work in the economic and environmental dimension, the Forum process for 2011 will be complemented by a meeting dedicated to a review of the implementation of decisions and commitments in the economic and environmental dimension, as well as to future work in the economic and environmental dimension. This meeting will be three days long. Its mandate, modalities, time and agenda will be defined by a Permanent Council decision to be adopted by 1 April 2011.

Taking into account the experience gained, both the structure of the new annual cycle of work in the economic and environmental dimension and the future of the meeting will be subject to review by the Permanent Council by the end of 2011, with a view to deciding on their continuation.

Tasks the Economic and Environmental Committee, with the support of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, with continuing its work towards identifying and proposing further agreed measures by the end of July 2011 to implement the recommendations contained in the 2009 Chairmanship's Report on the Future Orientation of the Economic and Environmental Dimension of the OSCE (CIO.GAL/97/09).

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PC Journal No. 835, Agenda item 5

**DECISION No. 959
THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE
NINETEENTH ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

The Permanent Council,

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs 21 to 32, of the Helsinki Document 1992; Chapter IX, paragraph 20, of the Budapest Document 1994; Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/04 of 7 December 2004; Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/06 of 26 July 2006; and Permanent Council Decision No. 743 of 19 October 2006,

Relying on the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension (MC(11).JOUR/2), the OSCE Border Security and Management Concept (MC.DOC/2/05), Ministerial Council Decision No. 11/06 on future transport dialogue in the OSCE and Ministerial Council Decision No. 9/08 on follow-up to the Sixteenth Economic and Environmental Forum on maritime and inland waterways co-operation, Ministerial Council Decision No. 12/06 on energy security dialogue in the OSCE, and Ministerial Council Decision No. 6/09 on strengthening dialogue and co-operation on energy security in the OSCE area,

Building on the outcomes of past Economic and Environmental Forums, as well as on the results of relevant OSCE activities, including follow-up activities,

Taking into account the closing statement by the Chairperson of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Economic and Environmental Forum,

Decides that:

1. The theme of the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum will be: Promotion of common actions and co-operation in the OSCE area in the fields of development of sustainable energy and transport;
2. The Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum will consist of three meetings, including two preparatory meetings, one of which will take place outside of Vienna. The concluding meeting will be held from 14 to 16 September 2011 in Prague. These arrangements shall not set a precedent for future Economic and Environmental Forums. The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the 2011 OSCE Chairmanship, will organize the above-mentioned meetings;

3. The agenda of the Forum will focus on the following topics:
 - Dialogue on the promotion of sustainable transport, including integration of transport networks through reduction of barriers and simplification of border-crossing procedures; improvement of energy efficiency in transport area; and the role of clean technologies;
 - Dialogue on the promotion of sustainable energy, including new and renewable as well as traditional energy sources; good governance and transparency in the energy field; energy efficiency; low-carbon energy technologies; and fostering of multi-stakeholder dialogue and co-operation between energy producers, consumers and transit countries;
 - Regional and subregional co-operation on sustainable energy and transport, and sharing of best practices and exchange of experiences in these fields;
4. The agendas of the Forum meetings, including timetables and themes of working sessions, will be proposed and determined by the 2011 OSCE Chairmanship, after being agreed upon by the participating States in the Economic and Environmental Committee;
5. Moreover, having a view to its tasks, the Economic and Environmental Forum will review the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension. The review, to be integrated into the agenda of the Forum, will address OSCE commitments relevant to the theme of the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum;
6. The discussions of the Forum should benefit from cross-dimensional input provided by other OSCE bodies and by relevant meetings and deliberations in various international organizations;
7. Moreover, having a view to its tasks, the Economic and Environmental Forum will discuss current and future activities for the economic and environmental dimension, in particular the work in implementation of the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension;
8. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials responsible for shaping international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area. The participation in their delegations of representatives from the business and scientific communities and of other relevant actors of civil society would be welcome;
9. As in previous years, the format of the Economic and Environmental Forum should provide for the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions;
10. The following international organizations, international organs, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum: Asian Development Bank; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation; Central European Initiative; Collective Security Treaty Organization; Commonwealth of Independent States; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia; Council of Europe; Council of the Baltic Sea States;

Economic Cooperation Organization; Energy Charter Treaty; Energy Community; Eurasian Economic Community; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Environment Agency; European Investment Bank; Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA (Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia); Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF); Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Energy Agency; International Energy Forum; International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA); International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea; International Labour Organization; International Maritime Organisation; International Monetary Fund; International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC); International Rail Transport Committee; International Road Transport Union; International Road Federation; International Union of Railways; International Transport Forum; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries; Organization for Cooperation of Railways; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Regional Cooperation Council; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia; World Bank Group; World Customs Organization; World Trade Organization; Secretariat of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative; and other relevant organizations;

11. The Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum;

12. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings or expert academics and business representatives may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum;

13. Subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs 15 and 16, of the Helsinki Document 1992, the representatives of non-governmental organizations with relevant experience in the area under discussion are also invited to participate in the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum;

14. In line with the practices established over past years with regard to meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forum and their preparatory process, the Chairperson of the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum will present summary conclusions and policy recommendations drawn from the discussions at the 2011 Meeting, as stipulated by Permanent Council Decision No. 958, which will complement the Forum process. The Economic and Environmental Committee will further include the conclusions of the Chairperson and the reports of the rapporteurs in its discussions so that the Permanent Council can take the decisions required for appropriate policy translation and follow-up activities.

PC.DEC/959
11 November 2010
Attachment

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**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 Azerbaijan:

“Mr. Chairperson,

We would like to make the following interpretative statement with regard to paragraph 3, third subparagraph, of document PC.DD/38/10/Rev.1.

Azerbaijan attaches importance to co-operation on sustainable energy and transport, and sharing of best practices and exchange of experiences in these fields. However, when it comes to the regional and subregional contexts, the issue of the existence of appropriate conditions should be taken duly into account, in view of the well-known situation in the regions affected by armed conflict.

While joining the consensus on the present document, we would like once again to register this unchanged position of our delegation.

I request that this statement be appended to the journal of the present meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson”.