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**Chairmanship: Kazakhstan****818th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 24 June 2010

Opened: 9.55 a.m.

Closed: 1.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THAILAND, H. E. KASIT PIROMYA

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Spain-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 Armenia, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/624/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/633/10), Australia (Partner for Co-operation), Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF  
MOLDOVA, H. E. VICTOR OSIPOV

Chairperson, Deputy Prime Minister of Moldova (PC.DEL/640/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/630/10), Spain-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 Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/625/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/628/10), Ukraine, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

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

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 941 (PC.DEC/941) on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4:           OSCE SPILLOVER MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje (PC.FR/8/10/Rev.1 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/631/10), Spain-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 Armenia, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/626/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/629/10), Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Annex 1), Greece (Annex 2)

Agenda item 5:           REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

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

- (a) *Meeting between the Chairperson-in-Office and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, H. E. Ahmet Davutoğlu, held in Astana on 21 June 2010:* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Ashgabat on 23 June 2010:* Chairperson
- (c) *High-level International Conference on Disarmament in Central Asia and the Caspian Region, held in Ashgabat on 24 June 2010:* Chairperson
- (d) *Situation in Kyrgyzstan:* Chairperson, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/635/10), Spain-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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/627/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/637/10), Norway (PC.DEL/634/10), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Turkey, Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/646/10), Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the South-East European Cooperation Process, held in Istanbul on 23 June 2010 (SEC.GAL/116/10 OSCE+)*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) *South-Eastern Europe regional heads of mission meeting, held in Sarajevo on 21 and 22 June 2010 (SEC.GAL/116/10 OSCE+)*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/116/10 OSCE+)*: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan, to be held on 7 November 2010*: Azerbaijan
- (b) *Proposed extension of the mandate of Ambassador K. Vollebaek, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities*: Chairperson, Russian Federation
- (c) *Organizational matters related to the OSCE High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, to be held in Astana on 29 and 30 June 2010*: Chairperson
- (d) *Organizational matters*: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 25 June 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**818th Plenary Meeting**

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

The Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia to the OSCE warmly welcomes Ambassador Herrero in Vienna and thanks him for his presentation of the comprehensive report of the Mission to Skopje.

Today, he is appearing before the Permanent Council for the second time during his tenure as Head of the Mission to Skopje, and I am glad to note that the report reflects my country's serious advancement towards Euro-Atlantic integration and in general attests to the fact that the progress achieved is more significant than that described in his report last year.

This is certainly a result of the joint efforts of the Government and the Mission, which, to our satisfaction, has proven to play an important role in supporting the Government's reform agenda in various fields within the European integration process. We are satisfied with the excellent and fruitful co-operation of the Mission with the offices of the Prime Minister; the Deputy Prime Minister; the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Internal Affairs and Local Self-Governance; and other institutions. The positive trend towards frequent and regular meetings and close co-operation between the Head of Mission, Ambassador Herrero, and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ought to continue.

Ambassador Herrero,

We wish to express satisfaction that the evolving priorities of the Mission will continue to be identified in consultation with the Macedonian Government, and we welcome the acknowledgment that the policy directions of the Head of Mission in the future will be in line with the mandate of the Mission and will be adjusted to the evolving circumstances, taking into account that the current context differs significantly from the one in place in 2001, when the Mission was expanded.

In this regard, I would like to express our support for the projects identified in the 2011 Programme Outline in all areas of the Mission's activities, reflecting the implementation of the constitutional reforms of 2001 (the Ohrid Framework Agreement remains a top priority of the Macedonian Government and a sound base for our multi-ethnic society), police development, rule of law, and good governance.

Notwithstanding the delicate situation and the imperatives unprecedented under international law that the Republic of Macedonia is facing in order to be allowed to fulfil its foreign policy priorities – namely, to start negotiations with the EU and to become a NATO member – the Macedonian record in the last 12 months (the period under review in the report of the Head of Mission) is rather impressive: a positive progress report for 2009 by the European Commission, together with the recommendation to the EU Council to open accession negotiations with Macedonia, as well as the visa liberalization and decision to allow Macedonian citizens free entry into the EU Schengen countries, are just the most significant ones.

Being the only State, from Slovenia to Cyprus, that has completely demarcated its borders, thus contributing *de facto* to the overall stability of the region, the Republic of Macedonia serves as an example of functional multi-ethnic democracy, as well. We are grateful to the Mission for its unbiased eye and the support it has extended to us in the course of building the Macedonian model of multi-ethnic democracy. There are ups and downs on this road, indeed. My country is not perfect, but has been working very hard to build a better society and a better democracy, and to achieve welfare for its citizens in very unique and difficult circumstances, since the very first days of its independence. The prospect of timely Euro-Atlantic integration continues to fuel our commitment to pursue the necessary reforms.

All the above-mentioned achievements speak for themselves, indicating the need to adjust some elements of the OSCE presence in Macedonia, which is in fact the very oldest OSCE mission (established as far back as 1992).

The present name of the Mission, containing the words “Spillover Monitor”, no longer reflects the real situation in the Republic of Macedonia, nor are the overall security and political circumstances in the region the same as they were in the first years of our independence. Therefore, we believe that it is high time to alter the name simply to “OSCE Mission to Skopje”, a name that properly reflects what the Mission is already doing – injecting efforts and resources into the country’s reform agenda directed towards Euro-Atlantic integration. I am very glad that this is already broadly recognized within the OSCE community.

Ambassador Herrero,

Reading the draft report carefully, I completely agree with your conclusion that this new, shorter and simpler formulation “may, better reflect the actual Mission’s nature and complement the initiatives”, such as: full implementation of the constitutional reforms of the 2001 Ohrid Framework Agreement (as the best mechanism for ensuring sustainable stability and improving inter-ethnic relations), a maintenance of the existing reduced monitoring and confidence-building capacity while maintaining a clear separation from good governance activities, and a resizing of the operation to new staffing and budgetary levels, reflecting the current situation.

A further streamlining of the Mission’s activities and its downsizing, including the closure of the field office in Tetovo, should be taken into consideration as a future response to the forthcoming achievements and accomplishments, and this would certainly represent a joint success, both of the Government and of the OSCE.

Meanwhile, the Republic of Macedonia is continuing to play an active role in the international arena. Just two weeks ago, Foreign Minister Milososki, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, spoke at the Permanent Council, presenting the Macedonian Chairmanship's priorities, which are very close to the heart of the OSCE's values, namely, strengthening of human rights protection, fostering of integration while respecting diversity, and promotion of youth participation. Among many events organized under the Macedonian Chairmanship, I would emphasize the successful Conference on National Minorities held at the beginning of this month in Skopje with active participation by the High Commissioner on National Minorities, H. E. Knut Vollebaek.

In conclusion, I would like to express my conviction and confidence that, together, we will find the best way forward with a clear vision for the future of the Mission in a two- to three-year horizon, to wish Ambassador Herrero all the best in his future endeavours, and to assure him that he can continue to count on our support.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairperson.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GREECE**

Mr. Chairperson,

Please accept my apologies for taking the floor at this late stage in our discussion, but while fully subscribing to the EU statement, I would like to make an intervention in my national capacity in order to remind all the participating States that, with reference to the name of the host country of the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje, what was unanimously agreed by Permanent Council Decision No. 81 of 12 October 1995 still applies:

“The Permanent Council welcomes as a participating State of the OSCE the State whose application is contained in the letter of application dated 9 October 1995 contained in REF.PC/598/95. This State will be provisionally referred to for all purposes within the OSCE as “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” pending settlement of the difference which has arisen over the name of that State.”

I would like to stress that, with the clear exception of the statement by the European Union, I regret to note that, in all the other statements by participating States, the speakers were outdoing each other as to which participating State would make more references to the host country using its constitutional name, thus indicating that they do not abide by the decision of the Permanent Council quoted above and also do not take into account the sensitivities of other participating States; this is quite uncharacteristic of the climate of polite reference which usually prevails in this room. Furthermore, while I would consider that the distinguished Permanent Representative of the host country would have a right to refer to the constitutional name of his country, I would like to express my appreciation and commend his temperate reference.

In order not to underestimate the proverbial question: “What’s in a name?”, we should indeed ponder this question, because a specific reference was also made today, in all interventions, to the importance attached to the eventual change of the name of the Mission, so that it would no longer be referred to as “the OSCE Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje”, as this name does not properly reflect the current realities in the host country. Since a great deal of discussion is taking place these days regarding the name issue, we should bear in mind that the sensitivities of other participating States always need to be taken duly into account in order to avert any “spillover” effect on future discussions.

I would like to ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day of the Permanent Council.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.



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**DECISION No. 941  
EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OSCE of 13 July 1999,

Decides to extend the mandate of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine until 31 December 2010.