

Chairmanship: Spain

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(681st Plenary Meeting)**

1. **Date:** Tuesday, 16 October 2007

Opened: 11.05 a.m.
Closed: 12.35 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Mr. C. Sánchez de Boado y de la Válgoma

3. **Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:**

Agenda item 1: PRESENTATION BY THE OSCE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE 2008 UNIFIED BUDGET PROPOSAL

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/196/07 OSCE+), Portugal-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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 Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/975/07), Canada (PC.DEL/977/07), Holy See (PC.DEL/980/07), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/974/07), United States of America (PC.DEL/973/07), Russian Federation, Armenia, Norway (PC.DEL/979/07), Tajikistan

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO THE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF THE WALLNERSTRASSE PREMISES BY THE OSCE SECRETARIAT AND THE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 804 (PC.DEC/804), the text of which is appended to this journal, on arrangements related to the use and occupancy of the Wallnerstrasse premises by the OSCE Secretariat and the Representative on Freedom of the Media.

Portugal-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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 Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/976/07), Austria (PC.DEL/978/07 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON PROSPECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANS-ASIAN AND EURASIAN TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA UNTIL THE YEAR 2015

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 805 (PC.DEC/805), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the OSCE Conference on Prospects for the Development of Trans-Asian and Eurasian Transit Transportation through Central Asia until the Year 2015.

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Organizational modalities: Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance (Finland)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 18 October 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 804
ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO THE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF
THE WALLNERSTRASSE PREMISES BY THE OSCE SECRETARIAT
AND THE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA**

The Permanent Council,

Expressing its gratitude to the Republic of Austria for the generous offer to host the OSCE Secretariat and the Representative of the Freedom of the Media in the new premises at Wallnerstrasse 6–6A;

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 9 of 7 December 2002, Permanent Council Decision No. 559 of 31 July 2003 and Permanent Council Decision No. 709 of 15 December 2005,

Noting that Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 9 of 7 December 2002 tasked the Secretary General to work out with the host country detailed provisions concerning the handing over, maintenance, occupancy and use of the new headquarters, which will grant to the OSCE terms and conditions not less favourable than those accorded by the host country to other international organizations having their seat in Vienna, said provisions to be agreed upon by the Permanent Council,

Taking note of the Secretary General's report to the Permanent Council of 21 June 2007 circulated as SEC.GAL/113/07 and background materials circulated as SEC.GAL/109/07 of 13 June 2007 regarding the terms and conditions of use by the Secretariat and the Representative on Freedom of the Media of the new premises,

Further noting the most recent draft agreement on the terms of use and occupancy of the new premises ("User Agreement"), circulated to participating States as PC.ACMF/63/07 of 3 October 2007,

Decides to:

1. Approve the terms of the draft "User Agreement" as contained in the document PC.ACMF/63/07 of 3 October 2007;
2. Authorize the Secretary General to sign the draft "User Agreement";

3. Establish the post of Building Maintenance Officer within the Secretariat Fund, at the P2 level, effective as of the approval date of this decision and funded in 2007 from existing 2007 Unified Budget resources.



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Permanent Council**

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DECISION No. 805
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON PROSPECTS FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF TRANS-ASIAN AND EURASIAN
TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION THROUGH
CENTRAL ASIA UNTIL THE YEAR 2015

Dushanbe, 23 and 24 October 2007

The Permanent Council,

In accordance with Ministerial Council Decision No. 11/06 (MC.DEC/11/06) decides to hold on 23 and 24 October 2007 in Dushanbe the OSCE Conference on Prospects for the Development of Trans-Asian and Eurasian Transit Transportation through Central Asia until the Year 2015,

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

**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES
OF THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON PROSPECTS FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF TRANS-ASIAN AND EURASIAN
TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION THROUGH
CENTRAL ASIA UNTIL THE YEAR 2015**

Dushanbe, 23 and 24 October 2007

I. Agenda and timetable

Tuesday, 23 October 2007

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| 9.30–10.30 a.m. | Introductory session: Welcoming remarks |
| 10.30–11.30 a.m. | Working session I: The Almaty Programme of Action (APA) and the 2008 mid-term review |
| | This session will focus on: |
| | — The provisions of the Almaty Programme of Action (APA) Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries; |
| | — Indicators to measure the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (APA); |
| | — The planned 2008 mid-term review. |
| 11.30 a.m.–12 noon | Coffee break |
| 12 noon–1 p.m. | Working session II: Presentations by government representatives on their transit transport, border and customs policies — progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action — identification of gaps and priorities |
| | This session will focus on: |
| | — Co-ordinated statements (one per country) with regard to the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (APA) 2003–2007; |

- Assessment of current government policies and identifying needs and plans for future action.
- 1–2.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2.30–3.30 p.m. Working session II (continued)
- 3.30–4 p.m. Coffee break
- 4–6 p.m. Panel discussion I: Responding to the identified gaps and challenges regarding transport infrastructure development and maintenance
- This session will focus on:
- Challenges identified by international organizations in the region with regard to the development of transport corridors and infrastructure;
 - Improving multi-modal transit transport infrastructure systems and facilitating cross-border trade requires financing and investment, how can international financial institutions contribute to this endeavour?
 - Responding to the identified gaps and needs;
 - The role of the OSCE.
- 6.30 p.m. Reception hosted by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

Wednesday, 24 October 2007

- 9.30–11.30 a.m. Panel discussion II: Trade, transit transport and border crossing facilitation
- This session will focus on:
- Challenges identified by international organizations with regard to the facilitation of trade, transit transport and border crossing facilitation in the region;
 - Promotion of integrated border management, harmonization of customs procedures, trade facilitation measures to be put in place;
 - Responding to the identified gaps and needs;

	— The role of the OSCE.
11.30 a.m.–12 noon	Coffee break
12 noon–1 p.m.	Panel discussion III: Public-private partnerships in addressing the problems of OSCE landlocked developing countries This session will focus on: — Potential for public-private partnership in the area of trade, transit and transport facilitation.
1–2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30–3.30 p.m.	Panel discussion III (continued)
3.30–4 p.m.	Coffee break
4–5 p.m.	Closing session: Conclusions and recommendations This session will focus on: — The prospects for developing trans-Asian and Eurasian transit transportation through Central Asia until the year 2015; — Identifying ways and means to further improve the current situation in OSCE landlocked developing countries and their transit neighbours; — Potential for improved co-operation in trans-Asian and Eurasian transit transportation to be continued into 2008 and beyond; — The role of the OSCE; — Presentation of conclusions and recommendations of the conference by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities. Closing remarks

II. Organizational modalities

Representatives of OSCE participating States, OSCE institutions and field presences, representatives of international organizations and representatives of the business community, non-governmental organizations and the academic community will participate in the

Conference. The Partners for Co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend the Conference.

The Conference should stimulate a free-flowing discussion out of which recommendations to the OSCE and its participating States should emerge.

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

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the sessions of the conference in English and Russian.

Press will have access to the opening and closing plenary only.

A comprehensive report on the Conference will be distributed by the Secretariat no later than six weeks after the Conference.