



Chairmanship: Ireland

900th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 2 February 2012

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O’Leary
Ms. M. Feeney

Prior to taking up the agenda, on behalf of the Permanent Council, the Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the OSCE, Ambassador Giedrius Čekuolis.

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

Agenda item 1: PRESENTATION BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,
MR. THOMAS HAMMARBERG

Chairperson, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Denmark-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, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/93/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/84/12/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/74/12/Rev.1), Switzerland (PC.DEL/79/12), Ukraine (PC.DEL/82/12 OSCE+), Georgia, Latvia, Armenia (PC.DEL/96/12), Azerbaijan, Turkey (PC.DEL/87/12), Secretary General

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/1/12 OSCE+), Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/92/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/85/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/76/12), Switzerland (PC.DEL/78/12), Albania (PC.DEL/86/12), Turkey (PC.DEL/88/12 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/91/12 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *The death penalty in the United States of America and the case of Mr. R. Gattis in Delaware, United States of America*: Denmark-European Union (PC.DEL/94/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/75/12)
- (b) *The National Programme for Action to Raise Effectiveness of the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms in the Republic of Azerbaijan, signed by the President of Azerbaijan, Mr. I. Aliyev, on 27 December 2011*: Norway (PC.DEL/77/12), Azerbaijan, Armenia, Chairperson
- (c) *Arrest of opposition party members and a journalist in Kazakhstan*: Canada (PC.DEL/80/12), Kazakhstan
- (d) *Meeting on the Transdniestrian settlement process, held in Odessa, Ukraine, on 2 January 2012*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/81/12 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/83/12), Moldova (PC.DEL/90/12)

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

- (a) *Addresses by the Chairperson-in-Office to the United States Helsinki Commission and to the United Nations Security Council, to be given on 8 and 9 February 2012 respectively*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/11/12)
- (b) *Meeting between the Chairperson-in-Office and the President and the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Dublin on 1 February 2012*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/11/12)
- (c) *Visit to Ireland of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/11/12)
- (d) *Visit of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus, Mr. P. Murphy, to Yerevan and Baku, conducted from 24 to 28 January 2012*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/11/12)

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Hour with the Secretary General and representatives of OSCE participating States, held on 27 January 2012: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/16/12 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Hour with the Secretary General and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, held on 1 February 2012: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/16/12 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Hour with the Secretary General and the Asian Partners for Co-operation, held on 2 February 2012: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/16/12 OSCE+)*
- (d) *Mélange project in Ukraine: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/16/12 OSCE+)*
- (e) *Registration for the 2012 OSCE-Thailand Conference on Strengthening Security Through Regional Co-operation: The OSCE Comprehensive Approach and Experiences of Asian Partners for Co-operation, to be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 13 and 14 February 2012: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/16/12 OSCE+)*
- (f) *Attendance by the Secretary General at the Munich Security Conference, to be held from 3 to 5 February 2012: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/16/12 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Ratification by the Holy See of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and accession to the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, carried out on 25 January 2012: Holy See (PC.DEL/89/12)*
- (b) *First preparatory meeting of the twentieth OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, entitled Anti-Money-Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism, to be held on 6 and 7 February 2012: Chairperson*
- (c) *Topics for the Human Dimension Committee meeting to be held on 7 February 2012: Chairperson*
- (d) *Registration for the 2012 OSCE-Thailand Conference on Strengthening Security Through Regional Co-operation: The OSCE Comprehensive Approach and Experiences of Asian Partners for Co-operation, to be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 13 and 14 February 2012: Chairperson*

- (e) *Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania to the Chairperson-in-Office requesting an extension of the silence procedure for the Ministerial Council draft decision on the OSCE consecutive chairmanships in 2014 and 2015 (PC.DEL/72/12 Restr.): Lithuania, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 9 February 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal