Chairmanship: Lithuania

859th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. <u>Date</u>:   Thursday, 14 April 2011

    Opened: 10.10 a.m.
    Closed: 1 p.m.

2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ambassador R. Norkus
                   Mr. A. Krivas

3. <u>Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted</u>:

    Agenda item 1:   ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
                       REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL,
                       AMBASSADOR HIDO BIŠČEVIĆ

                       Chairperson, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council,
                       Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former
                       Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Turkey; the country of the
                       Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania;
                       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/370/11),
                       United States of America (PC.DEL/359/11), Russian Federation
                       (PC.DEL/374/11), Serbia (PC.DEL/377/11), Montenegro (PC.DEL/379/11),
                       Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/378/11)

    Agenda item 2:   OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

                       Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/5/11 OSCE+),
                       Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former
                       Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; the
                       countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate
                       countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free
                       Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area;
                       as well as Georgia and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/372/11),

United States of America (PC.DEL/361/11), Russian Federation
(PC.DEL/375/11), Ukraine (PC.DEL/367/11 OSCE+), Switzerland, Moldova
(PC.DEL/373/11 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 3:   DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL
                    MODALITIES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL SECURITY
                    REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 996 (PC.DEC/996)
on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2011 Annual Security
Review Conference (ASRC), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 4:   REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a)   *Freedom of the media in Belarus*: Hungary-European Union (with the
       candidate countries Croatia, 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 country Norway, member of
       the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino, in alignment)
       (PC.DEL/369/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/363/11), Chairperson

(b)   *Safety of journalists in Turkey*: Hungary-European Union (with the candidate
       countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and
       Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and
       potential candidate countries Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the
       European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European
       Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia and San Marino, in alignment)
       (PC.DEL/371/11), Turkey (PC.DEL/380/11)

(c)   *50th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's space flight of 12 April 1961*:
       United States of America (PC.DEL/360/11), Russian Federation
       (PC.DEL/376/11)

(d)   *Human rights violations in Canada*: Belarus (PC.DEL/364/11), Canada,
       Chairperson

Agenda item 5:   REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
                    CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

(a)   *Appointment of a new Head of the OSCE Mission to Skopje*: Chairperson
       (CIO.GAL/70/11), Belarus, Russian Federation

(b)   *Visit to Moldova by the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office
       on Gender Issues, from 9 to 15 April 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/70/11)

(c)   *Visit to Tunisia by the Chairperson-in-Office on 16 April 2011*: Chairperson
        (CIO.GAL/70/11)

Agenda item 6:   REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Appointment of a new Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre and a new Director
for Human Resources*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/71/11 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7:   ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a)   *Selection process for the position of Secretary General*: Chairperson,
        Russian Federation

(b)   *Presidential elections in Kazakhstan, held on 3 April 2011*: Kazakhstan

(c)   *Publication of the 3rd edition of the compilation OSCE Human Dimension
        Commitments and the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment
        of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, to be held in
        Warsaw on 17 May 2011*: Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions
        and Human Rights

(d)   *Visit of OSCE ambassadors to Central Asia from 3 to 10 April 2011*: Germany
        (also on behalf of Belgium, the European Union, France, Ireland, Latvia,
        Lithuania, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, the
        Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland and the United States
        of America) (PC.DEL/362/11 OSCE+), Chairperson, Tajikistan
        (PC.DEL/366/11 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan

(e)   *Parliamentary elections in Portugal, to be held on 5 June 2011*: Portugal

(f)   *World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, held in Baku from 7 to 9 April 2011*:
        Azerbaijan

(g)   *Call for nominations for the 2011 Max van der Stoel Award
        (HCNM.INF/1/11)*: Netherlands

(h)   *Local elections in Moldova, to be held on 5 June 2011*: Moldova

4.   Next meeting:

Thursday, 5 May 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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DECISION No. 996
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE (ASRC)

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 on the Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account its Decision No. 989 on the dates of the 2011 Annual Security Review Conference,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides to organize the 2011 Annual Security Review Conference in accordance with the programme, agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annexes to this decision.

2011 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 29 June–1 July 2011

I. Programme

Wednesday, 29 June 2011

3.15–5.45 p.m.   Special session on the OSCE Partners for Co-operation

Thursday, 30 June 2011

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening session

3–6 p.m.   Working session I: Transnational threats and challenges: strengthening the coherence of the OSCE response and interaction with other international actors

Friday, 1 July 2011

10 a.m.–12.30 p.m.   Working session II: Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation: lessons learned and way ahead

3.15–5.45 p.m.   Working session III: Revitalizing, updating and modernizing conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) regimes: Challenges and Opportunities

5.45–6.15 p.m.   Closing session

II. Agenda

Special session on the OSCE Partners for Co-operation
(29 June 2011, 3.15–5.45 p.m.)

This session will provide an opportunity for participants to focus, *inter alia*, on strengthening interaction with Partners for Co-operation, including Afghanistan, by exploring:

–   OSCE potential to contribute effectively to collective international efforts to promote
        stability and security in its adjacent areas, notably in the Mediterranean and in Asia;

–   Ways to improve co-operation with other international actors.

Opening session
(30 June 2011, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

Under the overall theme of "Toward a security community: what has to be done", the
opening session will set the stage for the Conference by furthering the vision of a security
community. Following a key-note address by a high-level guest, the opening session will
provide an opportunity for participating States and other Conference participants to share
their views in a wide and comprehensive forum by, *inter alia*, taking stock and reviewing
progress after the 2010 OSCE Summit in Astana, addressing topical security challenges and
looking to the future. Initiatives in the politico-military dimension that can lead to the
strengthening of Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian security, including the role of international and
regional organizations, could be also considered.

**Working session I: Transnational threats and challenges: strengthening the coherence
of the OSCE response and interaction with other international actors**
(30 June 2011, 3–6 p.m.)

This session will offer the opportunity for participants to focus on, *inter alia*:

–   Identifying a clear profile of OSCE contributions to international efforts to combat
        transnational threats in such areas as:

        –   Police-related activities, including police development and reform;

        –   Preventing and combating terrorism;

        –   Border security and management;

        –   Illegal migration;

        –   Combating trafficking of illicit drugs and precursors;

        –   Organized crime;

        –   Cyber security;

        –   Curbing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the context of
                implementation of UNSCR 1540.

Working session II: Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation: lessons learned and way ahead
(1 July 2011, 10 a.m.–12.30 p.m.)

This session will offer the opportunity for participants to focus on, *inter alia*:

– Strengthening the OSCE's role and effectiveness in:

  – Preventing and resolving conflicts;

  – Crisis management and mediation;

  – Post-conflict rehabilitation and reconciliation;

– Improving co-ordination with international actors throughout the conflict cycle.

Working session III: Revitalizing, updating and modernizing conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) regimes: Challenges and Opportunities
(1 July 2011, 3.15–5.45 p.m.)

This session will offer the opportunity for participants to focus on, *inter alia*:

– The evolving security environment and perspectives for a modern OSCE arms control framework and CSBMs:

  – Current state of arms control arrangements and CSBMs in the OSCE area;

  – The process and perspectives of updating the Vienna Document 1999;

  – Future role of arms control and CSBMs in strengthening security and building trust.

Closing session
(1 July 2011, 5.45 p.m.–6.15 p.m.)

The Chairperson will present a first perception of the Conference, including the recommendations made by Conference participants on advancing the security dialogue.

ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE
2011 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Vienna, 29 June–1 July 2011

Background

The Tenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council, at Porto, by adopting its Decision No. 3, dated 7 December 2002, established the Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC) to provide a framework for enhancing security dialogue and for reviewing security work undertaken by the OSCE and its participating States, to provide an opportunity to exchange views on issues related to arms control and confidence- and security-building measures, and to promote the exchange of information and co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions.

Organization

A representative of the Chairperson-in-Office will chair the opening and closing sessions. The Secretariat will issue a journal of the Conference.

Each working session will have one moderator and at least one rapporteur. The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) will serve as co-ordinator for preparing the sessions.

The contribution of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will be made in accordance with its procedures, mandate and competences. The FSC contribution to the ASRC includes the chairing of the third working session by a member of the FSC Troika or the Director of the CPC.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken into account.

Interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions.

The Chairmanship will co-ordinate the preparation of the ASRC with the FSC Chairperson and the OSCE Secretariat.

The Chairperson-in-Office will distribute a comprehensive report on the Conference before the summer recess.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate.

Participation

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials from capitals, responsible for security-related policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the CPC. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

The Chairmanship may also invite some heads of OSCE field operations to participate in the Conference. Consideration should be given to the possibility of inviting heads of field operations to be present as keynote speakers or moderators.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010.

Consideration is to be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think tanks of international standing, and NGOs to send keynote speakers or to be represented as members of national delegations.

General guidelines for participants

The work of the ASRC will be conducted in six sessions. The opening session is intended to provide an opportunity for formal statements to be delivered and to set the stage for substantive, focused and interactive discussions at the working sessions. The opening session will include the welcoming remarks by the Chairperson-in-Office or his representative and the report by the FSC Chairperson. The Chairmanship will explore the possibility of inviting high-level special guest(s) to address the Conference.

The working sessions will concentrate on one topic, introduced by one or two keynote speakers, whose addresses may be followed by a discussion of relevant subtopics that are mentioned in the agenda.

The aim is an interactive and free-flowing discussion.

In order to reinforce the effectiveness of security activities across all three dimensions of the OSCE, it is expected that, at each of the sessions, the interfaces of security, and also the question of co-operation with other international organizations, will be addressed.

To promote interactive discussion, the formal statements at the opening session and the interventions at the working sessions should be as concise as possible and should not exceed five minutes in length. Prior circulation of statements and interventions will enhance the possibility for engaging in discussion.

By 14 June 2011, the participants in the Conference should inform the OSCE Secretariat of the composition of their delegations to the ASRC, in response to the information circular regarding organizational aspects of the Conference which will be sent out by the OSCE Secretariat.

By 20 June 2011, the participating States and other participants in the Conference are invited to submit any written contributions they may have, including those that contain reactions to the keynote speeches.

Written contributions should be submitted to the Conference Services, which will then distribute them. The information could also include contributions from OSCE institutions and other international organizations, if appropriate.

Guidelines for keynote speakers

The contributions of the keynote speakers should be focused on the subject of the relevant session, thus setting the scene for the discussion at the sessions, and should stimulate debate among delegations by raising appropriate questions and suggesting potential recommendations based on OSCE realities.

The maximum available speaking time is 20–25 minutes per keynote speaker.

Keynote speakers should be present during the entire session at which they are speaking, and should be ready to engage in the debate following their presentation.

To enable delegations to prepare themselves, keynote speakers should provide a written contribution and their biographical synopsis to the CPC by 14 June 2011. In their presentations, keynote speakers should touch on the highlights of their written contribution.

Guidelines for moderators and rapporteurs

The moderator chairs the session and should facilitate and focus the dialogue among delegations. The moderator should stimulate the debate by introducing items related to the subject of the opening and working sessions, as appropriate, in order to broaden or focus the scope of the discussion.

The rapporteurs' written reports should address issues raised during the relevant sessions, and should cover problem areas, improvements, suggestions made at the session, and other relevant information.

Personal views shall not be advanced.

Guidelines for the participation of other international organizations

International organizations may participate in all the sessions. They are invited to concentrate their contributions on aspects of co-operation with the OSCE within the scope of the relevant session.

International organizations should provide factual information, useful for the participants of the ASRC, to the Conference Services by 20 June 2011.