
Chairmanship: Greece**759th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 30 April 2009

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 1.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M. Marinaki

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF ROMANIA, H.E. CRISTIAN DIACONESCU

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania (PC.DEL/287/09),
Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/294/09 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/284/09 Restr.),
Moldova (PC.DEL/285/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/280/09),
Russian Federation (PC.DEL/290/09 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/278/09),
Georgia

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE
FOR PROTRACTED CONFLICTS,
AMBASSADOR CHARALAMPOS CHRISTOPOULOS

Chairperson, Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for
Protracted Conflicts, Czech Republic-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 and Montenegro; the
European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European
Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/277/09), Moldova
(PC.DEL/286/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/281/09), Norway
(PC.DEL/293/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/292/09 OSCE+), Georgia
(PC.DEL/296/09)

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL
AUDITOR

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 893 (PC.DEC/893), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the appointment of the External Auditor.

Ukraine (Annex), Kazakhstan, Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *World Press Freedom Day*: United States of America (PC.DEL/283/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/295/09 OSCE+)
- (b) *Summit of the International Aral Sea Salvation Fund, held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 28 April 2009*: Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/279/09 OSCE+), Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/289/09 OSCE+)
- (c) *Announcement by the Russian Federation “Regarding Russo-Abkhaz and Russo-South Ossetian co-operation on border issues”*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/291/09 OSCE+), Czech Republic-European Union, Georgia (PC.DEL/299/09), United States of America, Chairperson
- (d) *High-Level Conference on Reliable and Stable Transit of Energy and its Role in Ensuring Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, held in Ashgabat on 23 and 24 April 2009*: Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/288/09 OSCE+)
- (e) *ODIHR assessment report on the Election Support Team to Afghanistan*: Chairperson

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

- (a) *Appointment of a Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship for Election Related Issues*: Chairperson
- (b) *Appointment of a Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Strengthening of the Legal Framework of the OSCE*: Chairperson
- (c) *OSCE Chairmanship Expert Seminar on Electoral Management Bodies to be held in Vienna on 16 and 17 July 2009*: Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/61/09 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the OSCE, Ambassador Ana Barata*: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Portugal, Chairperson
- (b) *Prioritization of OSCE activities*: United States of America (PC.DEL/282/09), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/297/09 OSCE+)
- (c) *Elections to the European Parliament and parliamentary elections in Bulgaria, to be held on 7 June and 5 July 2009 respectively*: Bulgaria (PC.DEL/298/09)
- (d) *Co-operation between the ODIHR and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly with regard to election observation*: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 7 May 2009, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE

Madam Chairperson,

On behalf of the Government of Ukraine, allow me to express our sincere appreciation to the delegations of the OSCE participating States for endorsing the appointment of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine as OSCE External Auditor. Let me also thank personally OSCE Secretary General Ambassador de Blichambaut and his staff for their highly professional involvement in the process. Indeed, this appointment is yet another important step in the development of co-operation between my country and the OSCE.

On behalf of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine itself, I should like to convey to the delegations its firm commitment to base the eventual work as OSCE External Auditor on such core principles as objectivity, co-ordination with relevant OSCE structures and continuity of the highly professional and efficient work, performed by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway over the past three years. In this context, I would like to emphasize that the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine is also looking forward to provide external audit services to the OSCE for a three-year period, as foreseen by Article VIII of the OSCE Financial Regulations and as it has been the practice with the Chamber's distinguished predecessors.

I request that this statement be included in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.



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**DECISION No. 893
APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Article VIII of the Financial Regulations of 27 June 1996 (DOC.PC/1/96) concerning External Audit,

Taking note of the offer of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine to provide external audit services to the OSCE,

Recalling Financial Regulation 8.01 on the appointment and tenure of the Office of the External Auditor,

Accepts the kind offer of Ukraine and appoints the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine for the period of one year, starting on 1 May 2009 and expiring on 30 April 2010.

Pursuant to Regulation 8.01, the costs for travel and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be reimbursed from the OSCE Unified Budget.