
Chairmanship: Finland**737th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 30 October 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

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

Agenda item 1: **REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Chairperson, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/74/08 OSCE+), France-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 Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/916/08), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/934/08 OSCE+), Georgia, Switzerland (PC.DEL/926/08), Holy See (PC.DEL/922/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/915/08), Norway (PC.DEL/932/08), Belarus (PC.DEL/920/08 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Canada (PC.DEL/937/08)

Agenda item 2: **REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

Chairperson, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/204/08 OSCE+), France-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/917/08), Azerbaijan (also on behalf of Georgia,

Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/913/08), Belarus (PC.DEL/921/08 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/924/08), Kazakhstan, Canada, Georgia, Greece

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in Georgia*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/935/08 OSCE+), France-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/918/08), Norway (PC.DEL/933/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/914/08), Georgia
- (b) *Human rights situation in Uzbekistan*: France-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; 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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/919/08), Uzbekistan

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

*Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the
Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/164/08):* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General
(SEC.GAL/206/08 OSCE+):* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Publication of the “Religious Freedom in the World Report 2008” by Aid to the Church in Need International*: Holy See (PC.DEL/925/08)
- (b) *Forum on “Common world: Progress through diversity”, held in Astana on 17 October 2008*: Kazakhstan, France-European Union
- (c) *Photo exhibition: “... Where the Baltic Sea and the Baltic people meet...”, held in Vienna on 30 October 2008*: Latvia
- (d) *Matters of protocol*: Russian Federation, Chairperson, France-European Union

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 November 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal