

Chairmanship: Ireland**905th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 15 March 2012

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 3.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O'Leary
Mr. B. Ward

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, expressed condolences to Belgium in connection with the recent bus crash in Switzerland. He also expressed condolences to Poland in connection with the recent train crash in Poland. The Council then held a moment of silence. Belgium thanked the Chairperson for the expression of condolences.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN,
H.E. NASSER JUDEH

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/225/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/221/12), Russian Federation, Switzerland (PC.DEL/231/12), Algeria (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/227/12), Ukraine (PC.DEL/222/12), Holy See (PC.DEL/236/12), Turkey (PC.DEL/230/12), Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Israel

(Partner for Co-operation), Tunisia (Partner for Co-operation), Morocco
(Partner for Co-operation), Canada

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR
 DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
(ODIHR.GAL/16/12), Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country
Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,
Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and
Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and
Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein,
member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and
San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/226/12), Norway
(PC.DEL/233/12/Rev.1), Russian Federation, United States of America
(PC.DEL/220/12), Belarus, Switzerland (PC.DEL/232/12), Holy See
(PC.DEL/237/12), Turkey, Canada, Turkmenistan

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Tolerance and non-discrimination in the Russian Federation and Moldova:*
Norway (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland and Switzerland)
(PC.DEL/234/12), Holy See (PC.DEL/238/12), Russian Federation

- (b) *“Parliamentary elections” in Abkhazia, Georgia, held on 10 March 2012:*
Georgia, United States of America (PC.DEL/228/12), Denmark-European
Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the
countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate
countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade
Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European
Economic Area; as well as Moldova and San Marino, in alignment)
(PC.DEL/224/12)

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

- (a) *Meeting between the Chairperson-in-Office and the Secretary General of the
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Copenhagen on 9 March 2012:*
Chairperson (CIO.GAL/28/12)

- (b) *Fifteenth meeting of the Co-ordination Group between the Council of Europe
and the OSCE, held in Strasbourg on 9 March 2012:* Chairperson
(CIO.GAL/28/12)

- (c) *Visit to Moscow by the co-chairs of the Geneva discussions on security and
stability arrangements in Georgia, on 13 and 14 March 2012:* Chairperson
(CIO.GAL/28/12)

- (d) *Visit of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process, Mr. E. Fouéré, to Moscow from 12 to 14 March 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/28/12)*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Skopje on 13 and 14 March 2012: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Serbia, to be held on 6 May 2012: Serbia (PC.DEL/223/12)*
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in France, to be held on 10 and 17 June 2012: France*
- (c) *Informal ambassadorial meeting on reforming the budget cycle, to be held on 21 March 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/27/12 Restr.)*
- (d) *Meeting of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, to be held on 16 March 2012: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 22 March 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal