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1. Date: Thursday, 1 November 2012

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 3.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O'Leary

Ms. M. Feeney

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ARMENIA, H.E. A. HOVAKIMIAN

Chairperson, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/989/12), Cyprus-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; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/968/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/969/12), Ukraine, Switzerland, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA DISCUSSIONS

Chairperson, Co-Chairman of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus (OSCE), Co-Chairman of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus (United Nations), Co-Chairman of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus (European Union), Cyprus-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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/975/12), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/976/12), Turkey (PC.DEL/979/12 OSCE+), Georgia

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Skopje, Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries 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, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/971/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/970/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/984/12 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/980/12 OSCE+), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece (Annex), Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) Parliamentary elections in Ukraine, held on 28 October 2012:
 Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, in alignment) (PC.DEL/974/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/981/12), Norway (also on behalf of Switzerland), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/988/12), Ukraine (PC.DEL/982/12)
- (b) The death penalty in the United States of America: Cyprus-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 Andorra, Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/973/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/977/12)
- (c) Recent developments in the Russian Federation: Cyprus-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 and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia,

in alignment) (PC.DEL/972/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/978/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/986/12 OSCE+)

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

- (a) Thematic event on intolerance and discrimination against migrants, to be held in Vienna on 5 November 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/156/12)
- (b) 2012 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, held in Rome on 30 and 31 October 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/156/12)

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Attendance by the Secretary General at the 2012 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, held in Rome on 30 and 31 October 2012: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the OSCE and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) on 21 October 2012: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) Address by the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre at a conference jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies and the OSCE Centre in Astana, held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 23 October 2012: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (d) Visit by the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre to Bishkek on 24 October 2012: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (e) Training workshop on regional money-laundering and terrorism-financing typologies, held in Belgrade on 25 October 2012: Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Proposal to amend the existing procedures related to the establishment of the order of statements for meetings of the Ministerial Council:
 Russian Federation (PC.DEL/987/12), Chairperson
- (b) Dedication of the memorial to the European Sinti and Roma killed under National Socialism, held in Berlin on 23 October 2012: Germany

(c) Launch of the Guidelines on Integration of Diverse Societies, in Ljubljana on 7 November 2012: Chairperson

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Thursday, 8 November 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GREECE

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

I apologize for taking the floor at the late stage in our discussion, but, while fully subscribing to the EU statement as read out by the representative of Cyprus, I would like to make an intervention in my national capacity.

Concerning the interventions that followed the presentation of the report by the Head of the OSCE Mission to Skopje, I would recall that the host country of the Organization's Mission was welcomed as a participating State of the OSCE by Permanent Council Decision No. 81 of 12 October 1995, according to which:

"...This State will be provisionally referred to for all purposes within the OSCE as 'the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia' pending settlement of the difference which has arisen over the name of that State."

I would kindly ask you to attach this statement to the journal of the day of the Permanent Council.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.