

Chairmanship: Switzerland

984th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 20 February 2014

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.
Resumed: 3 p.m.
Closed: 4.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger
Ms. A. Rauber Saxer

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, who delivered some remarks to mark the assumption of his post.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,
H.E. ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

Chairperson, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (PC.DEL/123/14), Greece-European Union (with 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; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/137/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/124/14), Russian Federation, Turkey, Canada, Jordan (Partner for Co-operation), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/151/14), Kazakhstan, Norway, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/125/14), Serbia (PC.DEL/152/14 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/145/14), Georgia (PC.DEL/148/14), Turkmenistan, Montenegro, Armenia, Croatia, Egypt (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro (PC.FR/2/14 OSCE+), Greece-European Union (with 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 Armenia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/138/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/126/14), Russian Federation, Turkey (PC.DEL/136/14 OSCE+), Montenegro

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in Ukraine:* Chairperson, Greece-European Union (with 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 Andorra and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/140/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/127/14), Canada, Turkey, Belarus, Moldova, Russian Federation, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Holy See, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/147/14), Secretary General, Ukraine
- (b) *Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina:* Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; 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 Armenia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/142/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/128/14), Canada, Russian Federation, Romania, Secretary General, Chairperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/133/14)
- (c) *Amendments to the Internet Law in Turkey:* Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; in alignment) (PC.DEL/139/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/129/14), Canada, Turkey
- (d) *Freedom of the media in the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/131/14), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; in alignment) (PC.DEL/141/14), Russian Federation

- (e) *Human rights in places of detention in the United States of America:* Russian Federation, United States of America, Norway
- (f) *NGO legislation in Azerbaijan:* Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/144/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/130/14), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/146/14)

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

- (a) *Visit of the Special Representative on the Western Balkans, Ambassador G. Stoudmann, to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia from 10 to 18 February 2014, and upcoming visit to Montenegro:* Chairperson
- (b) *Meeting in the “5+2” negotiation format on the settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict, to be held in Vienna on 27 and 28 February 2014:* Chairperson
- (c) *“Not for Sale – Joining Forces Against Trafficking In Human Beings”, Council of Europe – OSCE Conference on the Occasion of Austria’s Chairmanship of the Council of Europe, held in Vienna on 17 and 18 February 2014:* Chairperson
- (d) *Meeting of the Helsinki+40 Working Group, to be held in Vienna on 21 February 2014:* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/23/14 OSCE+): Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Signing of the State Border Treaty and the Maritime Border Treaty between Estonia and the Russian Federation:* Estonia (PC.DEL/135/14), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/132/14), Greece-European Union (PC.DEL/143/14), Latvia (also on behalf of Lithuania)
- (b) *Report by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Belarus on the Most Resonant Human Rights Violations in Certain Countries 2013:* Belarus
- (c) *Deployment of an election support team to Afghanistan:* Liechtenstein (PC.DEL/134/14 OSCE+), Chairperson

- (d) *746th plenary meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation, held on 19 February 2014: Chairmanship of the Forum for Security Co-operation (Malta), Chairperson*
- (e) *Thirteenth Winter Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held on 13 and 14 February 2014: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*
- (f) *Selection process for the position of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights: Chairperson*
- (g) *Appointment of the Project Co-ordinator in Baku: Chairperson*
- (h) *Appointment of the Deputy Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 27 February 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal