

Chairmanship: Ukraine

962nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 25 July 2013

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, offered condolences to Spain in connection with the train crash that took place near Santiago de Compostela on 24 July 2013.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE UNDER THE
HELSINKI+40 PROCESS

Chairperson, Lithuania-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; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/722/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/708/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/731/13 OSCE+), Serbia (also on behalf of Switzerland) (PC.DEL/713/13 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/719/13 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/715/13/Corr.1 OSCE+), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Georgia (PC.DEL/718/13 OSCE+), Armenia

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE THEME, AGENDA AND
MODALITIES FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND ECONOMIC
AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1088 (PC.DEC/1088) on the theme, agenda and modalities for the Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2012 AND THE REPORT OF THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1089 (PC.DEC/1089) on the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 and the Report of the External Auditor, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *The cases of Mr. S. Magnitsky, Mr. A. Navalny and Mr. P. Ofitserov in the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/709/13), Lithuania-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; as well as the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, in alignment) (PC.DEL/724/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/733/13 OSCE+)
- (b) *Recent developments in Belarus:* Lithuania-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; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/723/13), Belarus
- (c) *Situation of Roma in the OSCE area:* United States of America (PC.DEL/710/13), Slovakia (PC.DEL/716/13), Czech Republic (PC.DEL/714/13), Ukraine
- (d) *Response to a statement by the Russian Federation made at the 959th meeting of the Permanent Council on xenophobia, anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism in the OSCE area:* Canada, Belgium (PC.DEL/721/13)
- (e) *Extradition from Lithuania of Mr. D. Ustinov:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/732/13 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/712/13)

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

- (a) *Address by the Chairperson-in-Office at the opening of the OSCE Youth Summit in Crimea, Ukraine, on 20 July 2013:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/116/13)

- (b) *Draft decision on the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Baku (PC.DD/19/13 Restr):* Chairperson
- (c) *Draft decision on the agenda for the 2013 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (PC.DD/18/13 Restr):* Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Extrabudgetary project for the facilitation of municipal elections in Kosovo:* Secretary General
- (b) *Address by the Secretary General at the opening of the OSCE Youth Summit in Crimea, Ukraine, on 20 July 2013:* Secretary General
- (c) *Visit by the Secretary General to New York from 23 to 27 September 2013:* Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Planned visit to the Guantánamo Bay Detention Facility by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR):* United States of America (PC.DEL/711/13)
- (b) *Joint meeting of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and the Asian Partners for Co-operation, held on 19 July 2013:* Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Ireland) (also on behalf of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation (Switzerland)) (PC.DEL/729/13 OSCE+)
- (c) *General elections, to be held in Luxembourg on 20 October 2013:* Luxembourg
- (d) *Conference on Mediation in the OSCE Area, held in Bucharest on 15 and 16 July 2013:* Romania (PC.DEL/717/13)
- (e) *Presidential elections in Azerbaijan to be held in October 2013:* OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/720/13 OSCE+)
- (f) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OSCE, Ambassador E. O'Leary; the Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Ambassador C. Moser; the Permanent Representative of Canada to the OSCE, Ambassador F. Gregory; the Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE, Ambassador T. Kantola; the Permanent Representative of Moldova to the OSCE, Ambassador V. Chiveri; the Permanent Representative of Latvia to the OSCE, Ambassador G. Apals; and the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the OSCE, Ambassador R. J. P. M. Van Dartel:* Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Ireland, Austria, Canada, Finland, Moldova, Latvia, Netherlands, Chairperson

- (g) *Conference on the Prevention of the Illicit Drug Trade on the Internet, held in Vienna on 25 and 26 July 2013: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 26 July 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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DECISION No. 1088
THEME, AGENDA AND MODALITIES FOR THE
TWENTY-SECOND ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

The Permanent Council,

Pursuant to Chapter VII, paragraphs 21 to 32, of the Helsinki Document 1992; Chapter IX, paragraph 20, of the Budapest Document 1994; Ministerial Council Decision No. 10/04 of 7 December 2004; Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/06 of 26 July 2006; Permanent Council Decision No. 743 of 19 October 2006; Permanent Council Decision No. 958 of 11 November 2010; and Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 of 7 December 2011,

Relying on the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension (MC(11).JOUR/2) and Ministerial Council decisions related to the environment, energy and water management,

Building on the outcomes of past Economic and Environmental Forums, as well as on the results of relevant OSCE activities, including follow-up activities,

Decides that:

1. The theme of the Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum will be: “Responding to environmental challenges with a view to promoting cooperation and security in the OSCE area”;
2. The Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum will consist of three meetings, including two preparatory meetings, one of which will take place outside of Vienna. The concluding meeting will be held from 10 to 12 September 2014 in Prague. These arrangements shall not set a precedent for future meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forums. The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2014, will organize the above-mentioned meetings;
3. The agenda of the Forum will focus on the impact of the following topics on the comprehensive security of the OSCE area:

- Addressing preparedness, emergency response and recovery related to environmental challenges;
 - Promoting partnerships and initiatives covering environment and security issues for greater preparedness for, resilience and adaptation to environmental challenges;
 - Exchanging best practices relating to preparedness, emergency response and recovery regarding environmental challenges;
 - Promoting environmental good governance;
4. The agendas of the Forum meetings, including timetables and themes of the working sessions, will be proposed and determined by the OSCE Chairmanship for 2014, after being agreed upon by the participating States in the Economic and Environmental Committee;
 5. Moreover, having a view to its tasks, the Economic and Environmental Forum will review the implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental dimension. The review, to be integrated into the agenda of the Forum, will address OSCE commitments relevant to the theme of the Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum;
 6. The discussions at the Forum should benefit from cross-dimensional input provided by other OSCE bodies and relevant meetings organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, under the guidance of the OSCE Chairmanship for 2014, and from deliberations in various international organizations;
 7. Moreover, having a view to its tasks, the Economic and Environmental Forum will discuss current and future activities for the economic and environmental dimension, in particular the work in implementation of the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension;
 8. The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level by senior officials responsible for shaping international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area. Participation in their delegations of representatives from the business and scientific communities and of other relevant actors of civil society would be welcome;
 9. As in previous years, the format of the Economic and Environmental Forum should provide for the active involvement of relevant international organizations and encourage open discussions;
 10. The following international organizations, international organs, regional groupings and conferences of States are invited to participate in the Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum: Asian Development Bank; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation; Central European Initiative; Collective Security Treaty Organization; Commonwealth of Independent States; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia; Council of Europe; Council of the Baltic Sea States; Economic Cooperation Organization; Energy Community; Eurasian Economic Commission; Eurasian Economic Community; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Environment Agency; European Investment Bank; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Green Cross International; Global Fire Monitoring

Center; European Investment Bank; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Energy Agency; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea; International Maritime Organisation; International Monetary Fund; International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; International Committee of the Red Cross; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC); OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID); Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organisation of Islamic Cooperation; Regional Cooperation Council; Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Human Settlements Programme; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees; UN Women; United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia; World Bank Group; World Health Organization; World Meteorological Organization; World Trade Organization; Advisory Group on Environmental Emergencies; Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; United Nations Children’s Fund; Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI); United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination; International Civil Defense Organization; World Food Programme; Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery; Inter-Parliamentary Union, and other relevant organizations;

11. The OSCE Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate in the Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum;

12. Upon request by a delegation of an OSCE participating State, regional groupings or expert academics and business representatives may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate in the Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum;

13. Subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs 15 and 16, of the Helsinki Document 1992, the representatives of non-governmental organizations with relevant experience in the area under discussion are also invited to participate in the Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum;

14. In line with the practices established over past years with regard to meetings of the Economic and Environmental Forum and their preparatory process, the Chairperson of the Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum will present summary conclusions and policy recommendations drawn from the preparatory discussions. The Economic and Environmental Committee will further include the conclusions of the Chairperson and the reports of the rapporteurs in its discussions so that the Permanent Council can take the decisions required for appropriate policy translation and follow-up activities.

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**DECISION No. 1089
FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012 AND
THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations, particularly Regulations 7.05 and 8.06(e), as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996 (DOC.PC/1/96), as well as Step 5(b) of PC Decision No. 553 on the OSCE's Unified Budget Process,

Reiterating the importance of full transparency and accountability in the functioning of the OSCE, and welcoming the progress made by the Secretariat with regard to the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards,

Taking note of the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 and the Report of the External Auditor (PC.ACMF/27/13/Rev.2 of 23 July 2013),

Expressing its gratitude to the External Auditor, the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, for the work done,

Taking note of the Unmodified Audit Opinion on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012,

1. Accepts the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012;
2. Requests the Secretary General to establish and submit to the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance not later than 31 October 2013 a work plan for follow-up to the recommendations of the External Auditor as reflected in its Report for 2012. Further requests the Secretary General to inform the Permanent Council through the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance about the implementation of this plan on a regular basis, taking into account guidance from the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance.