
Chairmanship: Lithuania**852nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 3 March 2011

Opened: 9.40 a.m.

Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson expressed condolences to the delegation of Azerbaijan with regard to the passing away of the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the OSCE, H.E. Ambassador Fuad Ismayilov. The Permanent Council observed a moment of silence.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ARMENIA, H.E. EDWARD NALBANDYAN

Chairperson, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia (PC.DEL/187/11), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, 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 the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/177/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/165/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/182/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/171/11), Georgia (PC.DEL/191/11), Azerbaijan

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia (PC.FR/2/11 OSCE+), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; 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 Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/178/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/166/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/183/11), Serbia (PC.DEL/176/11)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in Belarus*: Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/179/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/167/11), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/184/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/173/11)

- (b) *The death penalty in Belarus*: Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; 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/180/11), Switzerland (PC.DEL/170/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/172/11)

- (c) *Freedom of religion in the OSCE area*: United States of America (PC.DEL/169/11), Hungary-European Union (PC.DEL/181/11/Corr.1), Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/186/11 OSCE+), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/175/11), Italy, Holy See, Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/188/11), Russian Federation

- (d) *Recent detentions in Moldova*: Moldova (PC.DEL/189/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/168/11), Chairperson

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

- (a) *Address by the Chairperson-in-Office at the tenth Winter Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Vienna on 24 and 25 February 2011*: Chairperson

- (b) *Visit by the Chairperson-in-Office to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan from 28 February to 3 March 2011*: Chairperson

- (c) *High-level Meeting on Confronting Anti-Semitism in Public Discourse, to be held in Prague on 23 and 24 March 2011 (ODIHR.GAL/8/11)*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/42/11 OSCE+): Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections to be held in Andorra on 3 April 2011: Andorra (PC.DEL/174/11)*
- (b) *Follow-up to the final report of the OSCE/ODIHR election observation mission on the parliamentary elections in the Netherlands, held on 9 June 2010: Netherlands (PC.DEL/185/11)*
- (c) *Tenth Winter Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held on 24 and 25 February 2011: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*
- (d) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE, Ambassador Ian Cliff: Chairperson, Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), United Kingdom*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 10 March 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal