
Chairmanship: Greece**767th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 2 July 2009

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. D. Kyvetos

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Portugal to the OSCE, Ambassador Ana Martinho.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/3/09/Rev.1), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/526/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/529/09/Corr.1), Belarus (PC.DEL/536/09 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Armenia, Moldova, Turkey, Georgia, Croatia, Slovakia (PC.DEL/534/09), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATION BY THE OSCE EXTERNAL AUDITOR
OF THE AUDIT REPORT ON THE 2008 FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

Chairperson, OSCE External Auditor, Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro

and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/527/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/538/09 OSCE+), Director for Management and Finance, Accounting Chamber of Ukraine (incoming OSCE External Auditor)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Sixth round of the Geneva Discussions on Georgia, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 1 July 2009*: Chairperson, Georgia, Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/533/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/532/09 OSCE+), Turkey, United States of America (PC.DEL/531/09)
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Albania held on 28 June 2009*: Sweden-European Union (PC.DEL/528/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/530/09/Corr.1), Albania (PC.DEL/535/09)

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

- (a) *Seminar on confidence- and security-building measures in Moldova, held by the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for Protracted Conflicts and the OSCE Mission to Moldova in Mauerbach, Austria, on 21 and 22 June 2009*: Chairperson
- (b) *Informal ministerial meeting held in Corfu, Greece, on 27 and 28 June 2009 (CIO.GAL/84/09) (CIO.GAL/86/09)*: Chairperson
- (c) *Address by the Chairperson-in-Office to the Eighteenth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, delivered in Vilnius on 30 June 2009 (CIO.GAL/87/09)*: Chairperson
- (d) *Visit by the Chairperson-in-Office to Armenia on 2 and 3 July and Azerbaijan on 1 and 2 July 2009*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/107/09 OSCE+)*: Director for Management and Finance
- (b) *Administrative closure of the OSCE Mission to Georgia (SEC.GAL/107/09 OSCE+)*: Director for Management and Finance

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Preparations for the deployment of an Election Support Team to Afghanistan:* Director for Management and Finance
- (b) *Call for short-term election observers for the upcoming presidential elections in Kyrgyzstan to be held on 23 July 2009, and for the parliamentary elections in Moldova to be held on 29 July 2009:* Chairperson, Moldova
- (c) *OSCE Chairmanship expert seminar on electoral management bodies, to be held on 16 and 17 July 2009 in Vienna:* Chairperson
- (d) *Sixty-fifth anniversary of Independence Day in Belarus:* Belarus (PC.DEL/537/09 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Russian Federation

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 9 July 2009, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal