

Chairmanship: Ukraine

969th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 31 October 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Closed: 12.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OSCE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, MR. RANKO
KRIVOKAPIC

Chairperson, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/6/13), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/863/13), 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; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/868/13), Montenegro (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia) (PC.DEL/885/13), Switzerland (PC.DEL/876/13 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/883/13/Rev.1 OSCE+), Norway, Turkey, Georgia (PC.DEL/874/13), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/887/13), Armenia

Agenda item 2: OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/20/13 OSCE+), Lithuania-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; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as

Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/869/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/864/13), Russian Federation, Switzerland (PC.DEL/877/13 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/881/13 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/873/13 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Presidential election in Georgia, held on 27 October 2013:*
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; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/870/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/865/13), Switzerland (PC.DEL/878/13 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Chairperson, Georgia (PC.DEL/875/13)
- (b) *Municipal elections in Kosovo, to be held on 3 November 2013:*
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; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/871/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/866/130), Switzerland (PC.DEL/879/13 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/181/13 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/884/13 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Participation of the Chairperson-in-Office in a conference on confidence-building measures in the Transdniestrian settlement process, held in Landshut, Germany, on 30 October 2013:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/156/13)
- (b) *OSCE Mediterranean Conference on Enhancing the Role of Women in Public, Political and Economic Life, held in Monaco on 28 and 29 October 2013:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/156/13), Switzerland (PC.DEL/880/13 OSCE+)
- (c) *Eighteenth meeting of the Co-ordination Group between the OSCE and the Council of Europe, held in Vienna on 25 October 2013:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/156/13)
- (d) *OSCE Annual Police Experts Meeting on Improving the Role of the OSCE in Police-Related Activities: Experiences and Lessons Learned, held on 24 and 25 October 2013:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/156/13)

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *OSCE Mediterranean Conference on Enhancing the Role of Women in Public, Political and Economic Life, held in Monaco on 28 and 29 October 2013: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/181/13 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/181/13 OSCE+): Secretary General*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *United Nations Security Council high-level meeting on strengthening the partnership synergy between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, held in New York on 28 October 2013: Azerbaijan (Annex)*
- (b) *Response to a statement by Norway on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) rights made at the 968th meeting of the Permanent Council: Holy See, United States of America, Norway*
- (c) *Presentation of the Review of Electoral Legislation and Practice in OSCE Participating States, to be held on 31 October and 1 November 2013: Chairperson*
- (d) *Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on the Implementation of the Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti (dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the 2003 OSCE Action Plan), to be held on 7 and 8 November 2013: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 7 November 2013, at 9.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF AZERBAIJAN

On the initiative of the Presidency of the Republic of Azerbaijan the United Nations Security Council held the high-level meeting on strengthening partnership synergy between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on 28 October 2013.

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General and H.E. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation briefed Security Council on various co-operation issues between the United Nations and OIC, including their interaction in preventing, managing and resolving conflicts on the agenda of both Organizations, promoting post-conflict reconstruction and defusing humanitarian crises.

In his statement, H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, stressed that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation had proved to be an important partner of the United Nations in promoting peace and security and fostering a culture of peace at global level. It was emphasized that many of issues on the Security Council agenda relate to the Islamic world, and the OIC is naturally seized of them. This fact necessitates closer co-operation and co-ordination between the Security Council and the OIC in order to benefit from global, regional and local approaches in addressing those issues.

The meeting concluded with the adoption of the Presidential statement, which recognized the importance of strengthening co-operation with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the maintenance of international peace and security. The Security Council commended active contribution of the OIC in the work of the United Nations towards the realization of the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations. The Council emphasized that the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation share common objectives in fostering resolution of all conflicts in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and relevant resolutions of the Security Council.

Stressing the commitment of the United Nations and OIC to foster a global dialogue on tolerance and peace, the Council called for enhanced co-operation towards a better understanding and dialogue across countries, cultures and civilizations.

Building upon this statement of the Council as well as on contribution of Azerbaijan during its two-year membership in the Security Council our delegation in Vienna plans to expand avenues of co-operation between the OSCE and OIC.

I request this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.