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**Chairmanship: Ireland****916th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 14 June 2012  
  
Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Closed: 12.15 p.m.
  
2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O’Leary  
Ms. M. Feeney

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OSCE, Ambassador Tomislav Leko.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ALBANIA,  
H.E. EDMOND HAXHINASTO

Chairperson, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania (PC.DEL/535/12), Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/537/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/530/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/552/12), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein and Norway) (PC.DEL/527/12), Andorra (PC.DEL/542/12), Ukraine (PC.DEL/547/12), Serbia (PC.DEL/536/12), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Turkey (PC.DEL/543/12), Georgia (PC.DEL/545/12)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Twentieth round of the Geneva Discussions, held on 8 June 2012:* Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; 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 and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/540/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/534/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/549/12), Georgia (PC.DEL/546/12)
- (b) *Fundamental freedoms in the digital age:* United States of America (PC.DEL/532/12), Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; 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 Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/538/12), Norway (also on behalf of Liechtenstein) (PC.DEL/528/12), Canada (PC.DEL/548/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/550/12), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Chairperson
- (c) *Freedom of assembly in the Russian Federation:* Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; 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 Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/539/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/533/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/551/12)

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

*Visit by the Chairperson-in-Office to Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia from 11 to 14 June 2012:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/69/12)

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/120/12 OSCE+):* Secretary General
- (b) *Visit by the OSCE Secretary General to Mongolia from 3 to 6 June 2012:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/120/12 OSCE+)
- (c) *Situation in the South Caucasus:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/120/12 OSCE+), Chairperson, Azerbaijan, Armenia

- (d) *Fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Conflict Cycle, held on 13 June 2012: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/120/12 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Global Economic Statecraft Day: United States of America (PC.DEL/531/12)*
- (b) *Needs Assessment Mission Report of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) on the parliamentary elections in Ukraine, to be held on 28 October 2012 (ODIHR.GAL/32/12 Restr.): Ukraine*
- (c) *Visit by the Chairperson of the Permanent Council and the OSCE Secretary General to Mongolia from 3 to 6 June 2012: Mongolia (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson*
- (d) *Meeting of OSCE ambassadors and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights on ways of making a tangible difference to Roma people's lives, to be held in Vienna on 22 June 2012: Denmark*
- (e) *Organizational modalities related to the attendance of visitors at meetings of the Permanent Council: Chairperson*
- (f) *First meeting of the Informal Working Group on Strengthening the Legal Framework of the OSCE, held on 8 June 2012: Chairperson*
- (g) *Organizational matters related to the Chairmanship's beach volleyball tournament, to be held on 30 June 2012: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 20 June 2012, at 3 p.m., in the Neuer Saal