
Chairmanship: Switzerland**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
(980th Plenary Meeting)**

1. Date: Thursday, 16 January 2014

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 1.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger
Mr. G. Scheurer

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE OF THE OSCE, H.E. DIDIER BURKHALTER, PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION AND HEAD OF THE SWISS FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Chairperson, Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/9/14), Mr. J. Juvet (Youth Ambassador for Switzerland to the Model OSCE), Ms. M. Stosic (Youth Ambassador for Serbia to the Model OSCE), Ms. O. Chertilina (Youth Ambassador for Ukraine to the Model OSCE), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country 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/3/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/2/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/12/14), Serbia (PC.DEL/8/14 OSCE+), Mongolia (PC.DEL/7/14), Belarus, Canada, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/11/14), Norway (PC.DEL/13/14), Turkey (PC.DEL/6/14), Moldova (PC.DEL/9/14), Holy See (PC.DEL/5/14), Georgia (PC.DEL/14/14), Albania (PC.DEL/4/14), Austria, Armenia (PC.DEL/10/14), Ukraine (PC.DEL/15/14)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Incident on the border between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on 11 January 2014:
Kyrgyzstan (Annex), Tajikistan, United States of America, Germany, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential elections in Slovakia, to be held on 15 March 2014:* Slovakia
- (b) *First session of the fifth convocation of the Mejlis (parliament) of Turkmenistan, held on 7 January 2014:* Turkmenistan

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 23 January 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF KYRGYZSTAN

Mr. Chairperson,
Distinguished participants,

The delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic to the OSCE draws your attention to the incident that occurred near the Kyrgyz-Tajik State border on 11 January 2014 and believes it necessary to inform the OSCE Permanent Council of the following.

On 11 January 2014, planned work was being carried out in the village of Ak-Sai in the Batken region of the Kyrgyz Republic on the construction of an orbital highway linking the border villages of Kok-Tash, Ak-Sai and Tamdyk in the Batken region.

This highway is needed to ensure the safe and independent movement of citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic and their possessions, who previously had to pass through the territory of the Vorukh enclave of the Republic of Tajikistan and were regularly subjected to humiliation and beatings by citizens of Tajikistan.

It should be pointed out that Kyrgyzstan repeatedly informed Tajikistan of the construction of the orbital highway around the Tajik enclave of Vorukh.

At 12.30 noon on the same day, 40 Tajik border soldiers arrived at the construction site on the territory of Kyrgyzstan. Demanding that the construction work cease, they provoked a heated exchange with a Kyrgyz border patrol unit and opened fire on a Kyrgyz soldier.

There was an armed clash, during which artillery from the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan was used indiscriminately by Tajikistan against Kyrgyz citizens and facilities. This constitutes a violation of international norms.

One of the aims of the mortar attack was the destruction of the communication lines of a main water intake facility of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Six Kyrgyz military personnel received gunshot wounds. As a result of the shelling individual sections of the hydro plant, automotive equipment and power plant were put out of action.

Given the current situation in the border territory of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan and also with a view to preventing inter-ethnic conflicts and ensuring the security of the inhabitants of the border regions, Kyrgyzstan was forced to adopt a decision to close all border crossings on the Kyrgyz-Tajik State border from 11 January 2014 until the situation has stabilized.

It is regrettable that the aforementioned unlawful actions by Tajikistan occurred against the background of the agreements reached on 7 January 2014 between the deputy prime ministers of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and also by the law enforcement authorities on 9 January of this year on co-operation between border departments and internal affairs agencies of the two countries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic is extremely puzzled by the discourteous statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan to the media on 11 January 2014, which contained inaccurate information.

The premature conclusions and speculative assessments by Tajikistan in its own interpretation are not in keeping with the spirit of Kyrgyz-Tajik good-neighbourly relations.

Kyrgyzstan underscores that only an objective and impartial joint investigation can help to resolve this situation in keeping with the development of friendly dialogue and the maintenance of mutually beneficial relations between the two countries.

In summary Kyrgyzstan's position is as follows:

- Official recognition by Tajikistan of the unlawfulness of the actions of the Tajik military personnel;
- Prosecution of the perpetrators so as to prevent a similar situation from occurring in the future;
- Compensation for the damages suffered by the Kyrgyz Republic as a result of the actions of the Tajik military personnel.

In that connection, Kyrgyzstan expresses the hope that Tajikistan will show the political will in the rigorous observance of the norms of international law and will refrain from similar unlawful action and from rash and groundless accusations against the Kyrgyz Republic.

In view of the current level of relations with the Republic of Tajikistan based on mutual respect and centuries-old traditions of friendship, Kyrgyzstan is hopeful for a constructive approach to the peaceful resolution of the present situation and to ensuring the security of the peoples of the two States.

Mr. Chairperson,

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting.

Thank you for your attention.