

Chairmanship: Kazakhstan

825th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 29 July 2010

Opened: 10.15 a.m.

Closed: 2.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson announced that his letter of 29 July 2010 regarding the costs of the 2010 OSCE Summit would be attached to the journal (Annex 1).

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA, H.E. SAGIT IBATULLIN

Chairperson, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (PC.DEL/826/10), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/835/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/840/10), Uzbekistan

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/2/10/Rev.2), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Iceland; 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/836/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/841/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/831/10), Belarus (PC.DEL/827/10 OSCE+), Switzerland, Serbia (PC.DEL/833/10), Ukraine, Georgia (PC.DEL/848/10), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/846/10), Armenia, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN ASTANA

Head of the OSCE Centre in Astana (PC.FR/13/10 OSCE+), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/837/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/845/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/828/10 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL TO ADOPT A DECISION ON THE TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT OSCE SUMMIT AND REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 950 (PC.DEC/950) on the recommendation to the Ministerial Council to adopt a decision on the time and venue of the next OSCE Summit and Review Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK, TIMETABLE AND OTHER MODALITIES OF THE OSCE SUMMIT IN ASTANA ON 1 AND 2 DECEMBER 2010

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 951 (PC.DEC/951) on the agenda, organizational framework, timetable and other modalities of the OSCE Summit in Astana on 1 and 2 December 2010, the text of which is appended to this journal.

San Marino (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, ORGANIZATIONAL
FRAMEWORK, TIMETABLE AND OTHER MODALITIES
OF THE 2010 REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 952 (PC.DEC/952) on the agenda, organizational framework, timetable and other modalities of the 2010 Review Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United Kingdom, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON AN ELECTION SUPPORT TEAM TO
AFGHANISTAN

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 953 (PC.DEC/953) on an election support team to Afghanistan, the text of which is appended to this journal.

United States of America (PC.DEL/842/10), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 8: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Twelfth round of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 27 July 2010:* Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/838/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/843/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/829/10), Georgia (PC.DEL/849/10)
- (b) *Advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice on Kosovo's Declaration of Independence, issued on 22 July 2010:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/830/10), Belgium-European Union, Albania (PC.DEL/839/10), Serbia (PC.DEL/834/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/844/10), Belarus

Agenda item 9: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Visit of the Personal Representatives of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions; on Combating Anti-Semitism; and on Combating Intolerance and*

Discrimination against Muslims, to London on 19 and 20 July 2010, and to Berlin on 21 and 22 July 2010: Chairperson

- (b) *Participation of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for Protracted Conflicts, Ambassador B. Nurgaliyev, in the twelfth round of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 27 July 2010: Chairperson*
- (c) *Meeting between the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office, Ambassador B. Nurgalyiev, in Geneva, Switzerland: Chairperson*
- (d) *Commemorative statement by the Chairperson-in-Office on the occasion of the signing of the CSCE Helsinki Final Act of 1 August 1975: Chairperson*

Agenda item 10: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/143/10 OSCE+): Representative of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Indicative Work Programme for the Human Dimension parts of the Review Conference (CIO.GAL/133/10/Rev.3): Chairperson (Annex 2)*
- (b) *Presidential elections in Austria, held on 25 April 2010: Austria*
- (c) *International independent commission of inquiry to investigate the recent events in Kyrgyzstan: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*
- (d) *Matters of protocol: Chairperson, Bulgaria, Latvia, Switzerland*

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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LETTER OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Ambassador and Chairperson of the Permanent Council,
Kairat Abdrakhmanov

Vienna, 28 July 2010

In connection with the Permanent Council decision on the agenda, organizational framework, timetable and other modalities of the OSCE Summit in Astana on 1 and 2 December 2010, the Chairmanship-in-Office guarantees that the costs of the OSCE Summit shall be handled in full accordance with the OSCE rules and procedures, including the 1992 Helsinki decisions.

Furthermore, the Chairmanship hereby submits a preliminary projection of those expenses subject to reimbursement by the participating States, in accordance with paragraph (6) of the Helsinki Decision XII, and guarantees that the total amount of these expenses shall not exceed 1.5 million euros.

According to the 1992 Helsinki decisions, the actual expenses subject to reimbursement by the participating States shall be subject to external auditing after the Summit and the relevant bills to the participating States shall be issued in the year 2011.

Kairat Abdrakhmanov

To all delegations of the
OSCE participating States



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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Ambassadors,

I am pleased to inform the Permanent Council that, following broad and intensive consultations in the Human Dimension Committee and other informal formats, the participating States have closely approached consensus on the draft Indicative Work Programme for the human dimension parts of the Review Conference.

The latest version of this document, which was circulated on 29 July 2010 as document CIO.GAL/133/10/Rev.3, enjoys broad support of delegations, and is ready for adoption by the participating States.

The Chairmanship's perception is that open-ended informal consultations among the participating States in Vienna on the human dimension part of the Indicative Work Programme of the Review Conference are therefore concluded. There is an understanding that this part of the Programme can be set aside and considered as informally finalized by all the participating States.

Therefore, pending finalization of indicative work programmes for the other three thematic areas of the Review Conference, the Chairmanship calls on the participating States not to reopen discussions on the Indicative Work Programme for the Human Dimension between now and formal adoption of the whole programme.

The Chairmanship intends to finalize the three other parts of the entire Indicative Work Programme of the Review Conference as soon as possible, taking also into account the upcoming summer recess, and will propose the full programme for adoption by consensus either before the Review Conference, through a separate Permanent Council decision, or at the opening of the Review Conference, as stipulated in paragraph 4 of the Permanent Council decision on the agenda, organizational framework, timetable and other modalities of the 2010 Review Conference, which hopefully will enter into effect next week.

The Chairmanship assures all the delegations that it will not miss any proposals and take them onboard while preparing the annotated agenda of the human dimension segment of the Review Conference.

This statement by the Chairperson will be attached to the journal of this meeting of the Permanent Council, in accordance with paragraph 7 of section IV.1(B) of the Rules of Procedure.



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**DECISION No. 950
RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL
TO ADOPT A DECISION ON THE TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT
OSCE SUMMIT AND REVIEW CONFERENCE**

The Permanent Council,

1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the time and venue of the next OSCE Summit and Review Conference, as contained in document MC.DD/3/10/Rev.1 of 27 July 2010;
2. Recommends that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 3 August 2010, at 12 noon CET.



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PC Journal No. 825, Agenda item 5

**DECISION No. 951
AGENDA, ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK, TIMETABLE
AND OTHER MODALITIES OF THE OSCE SUMMIT
IN ASTANA ON 1 AND 2 DECEMBER 2010**

I. Draft Agenda

1. Formal opening of the Meeting

Address by the President of the Host Country
Address by the Chairperson-in-Office
Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations
Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
Address by the OSCE Secretary General
2. Statements by the Heads of State or Government of the participating States
3. Statements by the Heads of State or Government of the OSCE Partners for Co-operation
4. Adoption of concluding document(s) and decisions
5. Any other business
6. Formal closure of the Meeting

In accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure, the Permanent Council requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to forward this draft agenda to the Chairperson of the Summit for formal adoption by the Summit Meeting at its opening.

**II. Organizational framework, timetable
and other modalities**

1. The Astana Summit Meeting will begin on Wednesday, 1 December 2010, at 9 a.m. and end on Thursday, 2 December 2010, at approximately 1 p.m. The Meeting will be held at

the Palace of Independence in Astana. The Meeting will be held in accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure (MC.DOC/1/06 of 1 November 2006).

2. The morning session on 1 December 2010 will be held from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The afternoon session on 1 December 2010 will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. The morning session on 2 December will be held from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The closing ceremony will take place on Thursday, 2 December 2010, beginning at approximately 12.30 p.m.

3. The Chair at the opening and closing plenary sessions and the session dealing with item 4 will be taken by the Head of State or Government of the host country or the Chairperson-in-Office. The Chair at the other plenary sessions dealing with items 2 and 3 of the agenda will be taken by Greece and Lithuania.

4. The statements by Heads of State or Government under agenda items 2 and 3 will be made in the order established by the drawing of lots (to be determined). The delegation of the European Union, as the successor of the delegation of the European Commission, may take the floor immediately after or immediately before the participating State holding the EU Presidency without setting a precedent and without altering the existing Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

5. The statements under all agenda items should not exceed five minutes. The speakers are encouraged to distribute their statements in writing, for the record.

6. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will be invited to address the Summit Meeting under agenda item 1.

7. The President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to address the Summit Meeting under agenda item 1.

8. The following international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to attend the Meeting and, if they so wish, make written contributions: Adriatic-Ionian Initiative; African Union; Asian Development Bank; Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); ASEAN Regional Forum; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors; Central European Initiative; Collective Security Treaty Organization; Commonwealth of Independent States; Commonwealth of Nations; Community of Democracies; Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia; Council of the Baltic Sea States; Council of Europe; Economic Cooperation Organization; Energy Charter Secretariat; Eurasian Economic Community; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Investment Bank; Europol; Financial Action Task Force; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Committee of the Red Cross; International Criminal Court; International Criminal Police Organization; International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; International Energy Agency; International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea; International Labour Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Organization for Migration; League of Arab States; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Non-Aligned Movement; Organization of American States; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organisation

internationale de la Francophonie; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons; Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban; Regional Cooperation Council; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; South-East European Cooperation Process; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; Union for the Mediterranean; United Nations Alliance of Civilizations; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Development Fund for Women; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research; United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia; World Bank and the World Customs Organization.

9. The Meeting will be open to the press and the public. Proceedings of the Summit Meeting will be broadcast live (in all six languages of the OSCE) to the Media Centre and NGO Centre by closed-circuit television, including all statements by Heads of State or Government.

10. Arrangements for access to the premises of the Summit Meeting will be decided on by the Executive Secretary subject to the availability of seats. In principle, each OSCE participating State and OSCE Partner for Co-operation will have one seat at the main table and ten seats behind. The delegation of the European Union, as the successor of the delegation of the European Commission, will have one seat next to the participating State holding the EU Presidency.

11. In conformity with paragraph 74 of the 1973 Final Recommendations of the Helsinki Consultations, the Government of the host country has designated Director of the Task Force, Ambassador-at-Large, Mr. Serzhan Abdykarimov, as Executive Secretary of the OSCE Astana Summit Meeting.

12. The Standard Scale of Contributions of the OSCE will be applied to the Astana Summit Meeting in respect of those costs to be met by the participating States. The maximum costs to be met by the participating States are stated in the letter issued by the Chairperson of the Permanent Council on 29 July 2010 (CIO.GAL/138/10/Corr.1).

13. This decision will enter into effect as from the date of adoption of the Ministerial Council decision on the time and venue of the next OSCE Summit and Review Conference.

PC.DEC/951
29 July 2010
Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of San Marino:

“Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to make an interpretative statement relating to the meaning of the phrase ‘In principle, (...)’ at the beginning of the second sentence of paragraph 10 of the decision contained in document PC.DEC/951, dated 29 July 2010.

Mr. Chairperson,

In our view, that phrase will mean that our country – due to its unique traditional institutions – will be allocated two seats around the conference table in order to accommodate the two Captains Regent composing the institution of the Head of State of the Republic of San Marino.

I trust all countries will support this interpretation in order to allow our country to be represented at the level of Head of State at the OSCE Summit in Astana.

I am particularly confident in your support, Mr. Chairperson, as tradition is part of the Kazakh Chairmanship ‘motto’.

I thank you.”



825th Plenary Meeting

PC Journal No. 825, Agenda item 6

**DECISION No. 952
AGENDA, ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK, TIMETABLE AND
OTHER MODALITIES OF THE 2010 REVIEW CONFERENCE**

I. Agenda

(A) Review Conference in Warsaw (30 September–8 October 2010)

1. Formal opening
2. Statement by Mr. Kanat Saudabayev, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
Statement by a high representative of the host country
Statement by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
Statement by the OSCE Secretary General
3. Reports by:
 - (a) Director of the ODIHR
 - (b) OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
 - (c) OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
 - (d) President of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration
 - (e) Chairperson of the Human Dimension Committee of the Permanent Council
4. General debate among the participating States
5. Contributions by:
 - (a) OSCE Partners for Co-operation
 - (b) United Nations
 - (c) Other international organizations, institutions and entities

6. Working sessions for review of implementation of OSCE principles and commitments, including a focus on recommendations for future action and greater co-operation among participating States:
 - (a) Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments in the human dimension (HDR)
 - (b) Forward-looking discussion of the three topics specifically selected by PC.DEC/933 (HDF)
7. Reports by the rapporteurs and the Chairperson's summary
8. Formal closure

(B) Review Conference in Vienna (18 October–26 October 2010)

1. Formal opening
2. Statement by a representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
Statement by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
Statement by the OSCE Secretary General
3. Reports by:
 - (a) OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
 - (b) Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation
 - (c) Chairperson of the Security Committee of the Permanent Council
 - (d) Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Committee of the Permanent Council
 - (e) Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
4. General debate among the participating States
5. Contributions by:
 - (a) OSCE Partners for Co-operation
 - (b) United Nations
 - (c) Other international organizations, institutions and entities
6. Working sessions for review of implementation of OSCE principles and commitments, including a focus on recommendations for future action and greater co-operation among participating States:

- (c) Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments in the politico-military dimension (PMS)
 - (d) Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments in the economic and environmental dimension (EED)
 - (e) Review of OSCE structures and their activities, including consideration of proposals designed to enhance the role of the OSCE and further strengthen its capabilities (OSA)
- 7. Reports by the rapporteurs and the Chairperson's Summary
 - 8. Formal closure

(C) Review Conference in Astana (26–28 November 2010)

- 1. Formal opening by a representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and a high representative of the host country
- 2. Working sessions for review of implementation of OSCE principles and commitments, including a focus on recommendations for future action and greater co-operation among participating States:
 - Forward-looking discussion of the three topics specifically selected by PC.DEC/933 (HDF)
- 3. Reports by the rapporteurs and the Chairperson's Summary
- 4. Formal closure of the entire Review Conference

**II. Organizational framework, timetable
and other modalities**

1. The Review Conference shall be held in accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure (MC.DOC/1/06 of 1 November 2006), in particular its Section (A) OSCE meetings, and will be governed by the following provisions. The modalities of annual Human Dimension Implementation Meetings (HDIMs), as set out in PC.DEC/476, will be, *mutatis mutandis*, reflected in the human dimension parts of the Review Conference in Warsaw and Astana as outlined below. In case of contradiction between provisions of PC.DEC/476 and provisions of this decision, the latter shall take precedence.

Under agenda item 3, at the Review Conference in Vienna, the Chairperson of the Joint Consultative Group (JCG) and the Chairperson of the Open Skies Consultative Commission (OSCC) may provide information on the functioning of the CFE regime and the functioning of the Open Skies Treaty, respectively. Similarly, the Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) will be invited to report to the plenary on Monday, 18 October 2010.

2. All items of the agenda of the Review Conference, except for item 6 of the agenda in Warsaw and Vienna and item 2 of the agenda in Astana, will be dealt with in plenary sessions. Item 6 of the agenda in Warsaw and Vienna and item 2 of the agenda in Astana will be dealt with in working sessions, arranged in parallel working sessions in Vienna and in consecutive working sessions in Warsaw and Astana. The working hours of the Review Conference: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Those making reports or contributions under any agenda item are encouraged to submit them in writing. Oral presentations under any agenda item should not exceed five minutes.

3. The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Partners for Co-operation may attend all sessions of the Review Conference and make both oral and written contributions under item 6 in Warsaw and Vienna and item 2 in Astana. All OSCE executive structures, in particular field operations, are encouraged to designate representatives to participate in the Review Conference.

4. An indicative work programme for the working sessions under item 6 in Warsaw and Vienna and item 2 in Astana will be agreed upon by the participating States before, if possible, or at the first plenary session of the Review Conference in Warsaw, after open-ended informal consultations among the participating States in Vienna that are to be concluded prior to the opening of the Review Conference. For practical and organizational reasons, the deliberations at the Review Conference will be organized according to the three traditional areas of OSCE activity; at the same time, sessions will be organized in such a way as to permit a discussion of OSCE structures and their activities:

Politico-military dimension

Agenda item 6(c): Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments relating to the politico-military and non-military aspects of security (PMS)

Chair: Representative of Greece
(8 sessions)

Economic and environmental dimension

Agenda item 6(d): Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments in the economic and environmental dimension (EED)

Chair: Representative of Lithuania
(7 sessions)

Human dimension

Agenda item 6(a): Review of the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments in the human dimension (HDR)

Chair: moderators, as per PC.DEC/476
(8 sessions)

Agenda item 6(b) (agenda item 2 in Astana): Forward-looking discussion of the three topics specifically selected by PC.DEC/933 (HDF)

Chair: moderators, as per PC.DEC/476
(6 sessions)

OSCE structures and their activities

Agenda item 6(e): Review of OSCE structures and their activities, including consideration of proposals designed to enhance the role of the OSCE and further strengthen its capabilities, of OSCE co-operation with the Partners for Co-operation and international organizations and initiatives and of lessons learned from field activities (OSA)

Chair: Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office
(7 sessions)

5. The plenary sessions of the Review Conference will provide direction to the deliberations in the working sessions and will conclude each part of the Review Conference.
6. In keeping with the increasing openness of OSCE activities, representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with relevant experience in the area under discussion are free, on the basis of the procedures set out in the Annex, to attend and contribute to the working sessions of the Review Conference dealing with the human and the economic and environmental dimensions (EED, HDR and HDF) and the part of working sessions on OSCE structures and their activities dealing with lessons learnt from field activities (part of OSA).
7. The plenary sessions of the Review Conference will be open unless otherwise agreed upon by the participating States at a plenary session.
8. The plenary sessions and working sessions of the Review Conference will be held in accordance with the schedule of sessions contained in this document. This schedule will be subject to constant review and possible readjustment by the participating States at a plenary session.
9. The following international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to attend and make written contributions at all sessions of the Review Conference: Adriatic-Ionian Initiative; African Union; Asian Development Bank; Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); ASEAN Regional Forum; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors; Central European Initiative; Collective Security Treaty Organization; Commonwealth of Independent States; Commonwealth of Nations; Community of Democracies; Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia; Council of the Baltic Sea States; Council of Europe; Economic Cooperation Organization; Energy Charter Secretariat; Eurasian Economic Community; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Investment Bank; Europol; Financial Action Task Force; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Committee of the Red Cross; International Criminal Court; International Criminal Police Organization; International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; International Energy Agency; International

Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, International Labour Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Organization for Migration; League of Arab States; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Non-Aligned Movement; Organization of American States; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organisation internationale de la Francophonie; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons; Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban; Regional Cooperation Council; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; South-East European Cooperation Process; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; Union for the Mediterranean; United Nations Alliance of Civilizations; United Nations Children’s Fund; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Development Fund for Women; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research; United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia; World Bank and the World Customs Organization.

The above international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to make their contributions to plenary sessions and at appropriate working sessions of the Review Conference in the context of relevant agenda items.

10. The Chair at the plenary sessions of the Review Conference will be a representative of the Chairperson-in-Office, except for the plenary session in Warsaw to conclude discussion of agenda item 6(a), which will be chaired by the Director of the ODIHR, in accordance with PC Decision No. 476. The discussions during the working sessions in Vienna will be chaired by representatives of the other two OSCE Troika countries: Greece and Lithuania. The discussions during the working sessions in Warsaw and Astana will be chaired by moderators as stipulated in PC Decision No. 476, who will be appointed by the Chairmanship.

The representative of the Chairperson-in-Office will, after consultations with the participating States, appoint appropriate number of rapporteurs for the working sessions. The reports of the rapporteurs, which will not be regarded as binding documents, will be presented in the last plenary meeting of each part of the Review Conference, and will serve as a basis for subsequent deliberations at the Astana part of the Review Conference.

11. This decision will enter into effect as from the date of adoption of the Ministerial Council decision on the time and venue of the next OSCE Summit and Review Conference.

Schedule of sessions

1. Warsaw

Week 1	Thursday 30 September	Friday 1 October
Morning	Plenary	HDR 1
Afternoon	Plenary	HDR 2

Week 2	Monday 4 October	Tuesday 5 October	Wednesday 6 October	Thursday 7 October	Friday 8 October
Morning	HDR 3	HDR 5	HDR 7	Plenary*	HDF 2
Afternoon	HDR 4	HDR 6	HDR 8	HDF 1	HDF 3

2. Vienna

Week 3	Monday 18 October	Tuesday 19 October	Wednesday 20 October	Thursday 21 October	Friday 22 October
Morning		PMS 1 EED 1	PMS 3 EED 3	PMS 5 OSA 1	PMS 7 OSA 3
Afternoon	Plenary	PMS 2 EED 2	PMS 4 EED 4	PMS 6 OSA 2	PMS 8 OSA 4

Week 4	Monday 25 October	Tuesday 26 October
Morning	EED 5 OSA 5	EED 7 OSA 7
Afternoon	EED 6 OSA 6	Plenary

3. Astana

Week 4	Friday 26 November	Saturday 27 November	Sunday 28 November
Morning		HDF 5	Reinforced plenary
Afternoon	HDF 4	HDF 6	

PMS	Agenda item 6(c)	8 sessions
EED	Agenda item 6(d)	7 sessions
OSA	Agenda item 6(e)	7 sessions
HDR	Agenda item 6(a)	8 sessions
HDF	Agenda item 6(b) (item 2 in Astana)	6 sessions
*	Session chaired by the D/ODIHR	

Concerning Section II, paragraph 6:

Representatives of NGOs are invited to make written presentations through the OSCE Secretariat in close co-operation with the ODIHR, on the basis of which they may address specific questions orally as appropriate. NGOs will have equal access to the list of speakers to allow them to make their contributions under each agenda item addressed by the meeting as specified below. Contributions should not exceed five minutes each.

All NGOs wishing to attend the working sessions of the Review Conference dealing with the agenda items 6(d) – EED, 6(a) - HDR, 6(b) – HDF (item 2 in Astana) and the part of working sessions dealing with lessons learnt from field activities under agenda item 6(e) – OSA will be admitted subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Helsinki Document 1992. Prior to the meetings, the OSCE Secretary General, in consultation with the ODIHR, will distribute to all participating States a list of the NGOs intending to participate. The Secretary General, in close co-operation with the ODIHR, will keep participating States regularly informed of additional NGOs wishing to attend the working sessions and plenary meetings. Should questions arise concerning the application of Chapter IV, paragraph 16 of the Helsinki Document 1992, the Secretary General, assisted by the ODIHR, will undertake consultations to ensure that any decision on the matter is in conformity with the said provisions and is based on the views of the interested participating States.



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**DECISION No. 953
ELECTION SUPPORT TEAM TO AFGHANISTAN**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the UN Security Council resolution 1917 (2010), which underscores the importance of the upcoming national legislative elections to Afghanistan's democratic development, calls for all efforts to be made to ensure the credibility, safety and security of the elections and further calls upon members of the international community to provide assistance as appropriate,

Taking note of the letter of 24 July 2010 of the Independent Election Commission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, in which the OSCE/ODIHR is invited to support the National Assembly elections to be held on 18 September 2010,

Taking into consideration the status of Afghanistan as a Partner for Co-operation of the OSCE, which has an important impact also on neighbouring regions of the OSCE,

Underscoring the importance of democratic elections for fostering democracy and human rights and for furthering stability in Afghanistan and contributing to international efforts to combat terrorism,

Taking note of Permanent Council Decision No. 622 of 29 July 2004 on sending an OSCE Election Support Team for the Presidential elections in Afghanistan on 9 October 2004 and the recommendations issued by that Support Team on 18 October 2004,

Taking note of Permanent Council Decision No. 686 of 7 July 2005 on sending an OSCE Election Support Team for the National Assembly and Provincial Council elections in Afghanistan on 18 September 2005 and the recommendations issued by that Support Team on 6 October 2005,

Taking note of Permanent Council Decision No. 891 of 2 April 2009 on sending an OSCE Election Support Team for the Presidential and Provincial Council elections in Afghanistan on 20 August 2009 and the recommendations issued by that Support Team on 8 December 2009,

Taking into account conditions in Afghanistan, in particular the security situation,

Decides, as an extraordinary measure, in response to the specific request of the Government of Afghanistan, to send an Election Support Team to be organized by the ODIHR to assist government and international efforts on the National Assembly elections in Afghanistan scheduled for 18 September 2010;

Tasks the Election Support Team to prepare a report, to be distributed to participating States, on the electoral process, based on its findings, including a set of recommendations to the Government of Afghanistan for implementation as appropriate in the post-election period, with a view to enhancing the conduct of future elections and improving Afghanistan's legal framework and procedures;

Requests that the ODIHR closely co-ordinate with relevant national, regional and international actors involved in electoral processes in Afghanistan, including the Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Union;

Tasks the ODIHR to determine the appropriate size of the Election Support Team, which is not to exceed ten election staff; and

Tasks the Secretariat, together with the ODIHR, to conduct consultations with the Government of Afghanistan, international military forces and international actors, including the United Nations, in order to spell out clearly in the appropriate form and put in place the necessary security arrangements for the Election Support Team.

Expenses for the Election Support Team will be covered by extrabudgetary contributions.

This decision does not set a precedent for OSCE activities beyond its geographical area of responsibility.