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**Chairmanship: Ireland****920th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 12 July 2012  
  
Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.30 p.m.  
Resumed: 2.35 p.m. (Monday, 16 July 2012)  
Closed: 3.30 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, expressed condolences to the Russian Federation in connection with the recent floods in Krasnodar, Russian Federation, and a bus crash that occurred in Ukraine on 7 July 2012.

Prior to taking up the agenda on Monday, 16 July 2012, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE, Ambassador Rüdiger Lüdeking.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES

Chairperson, High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/1/12 OSCE+), Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, in alignment) (PC.DEL/701/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/714/12 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/699/12), Switzerland (PC.DEL/692/12 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Georgia (PC.DEL/723/12 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/693/12 OSCE+), Ukraine, Moldova (PC.DEL/711/12 OSCE+),

Serbia (PC.DEL/708/12 OSCE+), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/709/12 OSCE+), Latvia, Kyrgyzstan, Estonia (PC.DEL/717/12), Lithuania (PC.DEL/710/12 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011 AND THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Discussion under Agenda item 3.

Agenda item 3: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, OSCE External Auditor, Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/712/12 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/695/12) (PC.DEL/696/12), Ukraine, United Kingdom (PC.DEL/698/12 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011 AND THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1043 (PC.DEC/1043) on the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 and the Report of the External Auditor, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *“Presidential elections” in Nagorno-Karabakh, to be held on 19 July 2012:* Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/704/12), Armenia, Cyprus-European Union
- (b) *Human rights and fundamental freedoms in Belarus:* United States of America (PC.DEL/691/12), Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; 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/707/12/Rev.1), Canada (PC.DEL/720/12), Belarus, Chairperson
- (c) *Investigations into hate crimes in Germany:* Turkey (PC.DEL/700/12), Germany
- (d) *Death penalty in the United States of America:* Cyprus-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 Andorra, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/703/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/694/12)

- (e) *Draft amendments to legislation on NGOs in the Russian Federation:* Cyprus-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/702/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/697/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/713/12)
- (f) *Seventeenth anniversary of the massacre in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina:* United States of America (PC.DEL/719/12), Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; 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 Albania; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/716/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/722/12), Turkey, Chairperson, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/725/12)
- (g) *Parliamentary elections in Georgia, to be held in October 2012:* Cyprus-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 Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/715/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/718/12), Georgia (PC.DEL/724/12 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6:           REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
                                  CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Visit of the Minister of State for European Affairs of Ireland, Ms. L. Creighton, to Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina from 5 to 9 July 2012:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/91/12)
- (b) *Meeting in the 5+2 negotiation format on the settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Vienna on 12 and 13 July 2012:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/91/12)

- (c) *Second extraordinary Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM) meeting, held in Zardiantkari on 14 July 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/91/12)*

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Participation of the Secretary General in the twenty-first Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Monaco from 5 to 9 July 2012: Director for Management and Finance*
- (b) *Regional heads of mission meeting for South-Eastern Europe, held in Pristina on 3 and 4 July 2012: Director for Management and Finance*
- (c) *Project on removing stockpiles of mélange in Ukraine: Director for Management and Finance*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Sweden, Ambassador V. Bard-Bringéus, and the Permanent Representative of Belgium, Ambassador G. Renaux: Chairperson, Sweden, Belgium (PC.DEL/706/12 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Belarus, to be held on 23 September 2012: Belarus (PC.DEL/721/12)*
- (c) *Fourteenth Central Asia Media Conference, held in Ashgabat on 5 and 6 July 2012: Turkmenistan*
- (d) *Global Counterterrorism Forum – High-Level Conference on Victims of Terrorism, held in Madrid on 9 and 10 July 2012: Spain (Annex)*
- (e) *Resolution on the promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet, adopted by the United Nations Human Rights Council at its twentieth session, held on 5 July 2012: Sweden (also on behalf of Turkey and the United States of America)*
- (f) *Twenty-First Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Monaco from 5 to 9 July 2012: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 19 July 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN**

Mr. Chairperson,

I have the honour to inform the Permanent Council that the High-Level Conference on Victims of Terrorism, organized within the framework of the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF), was held in Madrid on 9 and 10 July.

As we know, the Global Counterterrorism Forum is an open forum for dialogue and discussion to promote international co-operation in the fight against terrorism within the general framework of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, for which the OSCE expressed its support in the Ministerial Declaration of November 2007.

It should be recalled that this Ministerial Declaration states in paragraph 24 that “The OSCE will continue addressing the issue of solidarity with the victims of terrorism, drawing, *inter alia*, on Permanent Council Decision No. 618 on solidarity with the victims of terrorism and taking note of the High-Level Meeting on Victims of Terrorism held in Vienna in September 2007”.

Mr. Chairperson,

In choosing Madrid as the city to host the High-Level Conference on Victims of Terrorism, the Global Counterterrorism Forum recognized Spain’s experience and leadership in dealing with the victims of terrorism and its decisive involvement in combating this threat to the security of human beings and States.

For two days, experts from 30 countries affected by the scourge of terrorism and from international organizations shared experiences and good practices in terms of the work undertaken by national governments to support and assist victims of terrorism.

This conference enabled victims of terrorism and representatives of victims’ associations to make the experts aware of the various ways in which they help to combat extremist rhetoric and prevent terrorism in general.

The topics covered in the presentations were: (1) the models of support and assistance to victims of both international and domestic terrorism, (2) the role of victims and victims' associations in the prevention of terrorism and violent extremism, (3) the establishment of federations of victims' associations and interaction between the State and these associations, (4) the media and victims of terrorism, and (5) the follow-up activities agreed within the Global Counterterrorism Forum.

The Madrid Declaration on Victims of Terrorism was agreed upon in the last session and sets out the main results of the Conference and an Action Plan. The complete text was distributed yesterday, 11 July, under reference number SEC.DEL/213/12 in order to provide delegations with more information.

Mr. Chairperson, I should be grateful if the text of this statement could be attached to the journal of today's meeting.

Thank you.

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PC Journal No. 920, Agenda item 4

**DECISION No. 1043  
FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011 AND  
THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations, particularly Regulations 7.05 and 8.06(e), as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996 (DOC.PC/1/96), as well as Step 5(b) of PC Decision No. 553 on the OSCE's Unified Budget Process,

Reiterating the importance of full transparency and accountability in the functioning of the OSCE, and welcoming the progress made by the Secretariat with regard to the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards,

Taking note of the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 and the Report of the External Auditor (PC.ACMF/37/12 of 21 June 2012),

Expressing its gratitude to the External Auditor, the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, for the work done,

Taking note of the Unmodified Audit Opinion on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2011,

1. Accepts the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2011;
2. Requests the Secretary General to establish and submit to the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance not later than 31 October 2012 a work plan for follow-up to the recommendations of the External Auditor as reflected in its Report for 2011. Further requests the Secretary General to inform the Permanent Council through the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance about the implementation of this plan on a regular basis, taking into account guidance from the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance.