



**Chairmanship: Switzerland**

**990th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 20 March 2014

Opened: 3.35 p.m.

Closed: 6 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE, H.E. ANDRII DESHCHYTSIA

Chairperson, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (PC.DEL/306/14 OSCE+), Greece-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 San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/318/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/307/14), Canada (PC.DEL/309/14 OSCE+), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Russian Federation, Turkey (PC.DEL/323/14 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/320/14), Georgia (PC.DEL/310/14 OSCE+), Belarus, United Kingdom, Lithuania (also on behalf of Estonia and Latvia), Germany, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/308/14 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/319/14), Poland, Austria, France, Romania (PC.DEL/324/14 OSCE+)

Point of order: United States of America, Chairperson, Russian Federation

Agenda item 2: DECLARATION ON THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

Chairperson

**Document adopted:** The Permanent Council adopted a declaration on the upcoming elections in Afghanistan (PC.DOC/1/14), the text of which is appended to this journal.

Canada, Chairperson, Greece-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 Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/317/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/313/14), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/316/14 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3:            REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a)    *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to be observed on 21 March 2014:* United States of America (PC.DEL/312/14), Russian Federation
- (b)    *Implementation of OSCE commitments by the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/311/14), Russian Federation

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

- (a)    *Visit of the Special Representative on the Western Balkans, Ambassador G. Stoudmann, to Albania and Montenegro from 24 to 27 March 2014 (CIO.GAL/44/14):* Chairperson
- (b)    *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transnistrian Settlement Process, Ambassador R. Bogojevic, to Moldova from 24 to 27 March 2014 (CIO.GAL/44/14):* Chairperson

Agenda item 5:            REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)    *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General:* Secretary General
- (b)    *Launch of an OSCE national dialogue project in Ukraine:* Secretary General
- (c)    *Publication of “Creating Mentor Networks in the OSCE Region: A Practical Roadmap” and “Women as Agents of Change in Migrant, Minority and Roma and Sinti Communities in the OSCE Region” by the OSCE Gender Section:* Secretary General
- (d)    *Meeting with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, held in Vienna on 17 March 2014:* Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *International Day of La Francophonie, celebrated on 20 March 2014: Canada, France*
- (b) *Selection process for the position of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights: Chairperson*
- (c) *Delay in the adoption of a decision on the 2014 Unified Budget: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 21 March 2014, at 7.20 p.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **DECLARATION ON THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN**

1. We, the members of the Permanent Council of the OSCE, being aware that developments in the ongoing security, political, and economic transitions in Afghanistan, in particular the completion of the International Security Assistance Force mission in 2014, will have potential implications for the security situation in the whole OSCE region,
2. Declare our strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Afghanistan and emphasize our strong interest in the successful long term transformation of Afghanistan;
3. In this regard, stress the responsibility of the Afghan authorities for transparent, inclusive, free and fair elections, in line with its national legislation and international standards, recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 1094 (2013) to send an OSCE/ODIHR Election Support Team to assist Government and international efforts on the Presidential and Provincial Council elections in Afghanistan scheduled for 5 April 2014, and encourage Afghanistan to make good use of recommendations made, in keeping with the Afghan people's desire for a stable, secure and democratic State.