
Chairmanship: Ireland**919th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 5 July 2012

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Ms. M. Feeney

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Office in Baku (PC.FR/15/12 OSCE+), Cyprus-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 the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/670/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/664/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/676/12 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/667/12 OSCE+), Armenia, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/675/12 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Situation in Belarus:* Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, in alignment) (PC.DEL/674/12), Norway (PC.DEL/678/12), Belarus (PC.DEL/668/12)

(b) *International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, observed on 26 June 2012:* Cyprus-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro,

Serbia and Turkey; 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 Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/672/12), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein and Norway) (PC.DEL/669/12), San Marino

- (c) *European Union Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy*: 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; as well as Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/671/12), Norway (PC.DEL/679/12)
- (d) *Thirteenth anniversary of the disappearance of Agron, Mehmet, and Ylli Bytyqi in Serbia*: United States of America (PC.DEL/665/12), Serbia
- (e) *Draft legislation on foreign agents in the Russian Federation*: United States of America (PC.DEL/666/12/Corr.1), Cyprus-European Union, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/677/12)

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

- (a) *Participation of the Chairperson-in-Office in the Twenty-First Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Monaco from 5 to 9 July 2012*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/12)
- (b) *Visit of the Minister of State for European Affairs of Ireland, Ms. L. Creighton, to Podgorica and Sarajevo, from 5 to 9 July 2012*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/12)
- (c) *Twenty-fourth meeting of the Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM), held on 21 June 2012*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/12)
- (d) *Extraordinary meeting of the IPRM, held in Zardiantkari on 1 July 2012*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/12)
- (e) *Chairmanship's beach volleyball tournament, held on 30 June 2012*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/12), Holy See

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:
Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *European Union Symposium for OSCE Ambassadors, on the theme: “To make a tangible difference to Roma people’s lives”, held in Vienna on 22 June 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; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/673/12)*
- (b) *Distribution of a food-for-thought paper entitled “The Helsinki+40 Concept: Next Steps” (CIO.GAL/76/12 Restr.): Chairperson*
- (c) *Distribution of a report on the OSCE visit to Mongolia which took place from 3 to 6 June 2012 in follow-up to Vilnius Ministerial Council Decision No. 12/11 on the application of Mongolia to become an OSCE participating State (CIO.GAL/82/12 OSCE+): Chairperson*
- (d) *Distribution of a food-for-thought paper on the application by Mongolia to become a participating State of the OSCE (CIO.GAL/81/12 Restr.): Chairperson*
- (e) *Distribution of a report entitled “Working Together: The OSCE’s Relationship with Other Relevant International Organizations – Nine Steps to Effective OSCE Engagement” (CIO.GAL/83/12 OSCE+): Chairperson*
- (f) *Meeting of the Economic and Environmental Committee, to be held on 11 July 2012: Chairperson*
- (g) *Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Democratic Elections and Election Observation, to be held in Vienna on 12 and 13 July 2012: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 12 July 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal