

Chairmanship: Ireland

929th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. **Date:** Thursday, 8 November 2012

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.20 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador E. O’Leary
Ms. M. Feeney

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

**Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
(ODIHR) ON THE HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

Chairperson, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/66/12), 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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/996/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/1003/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1007/12), Belarus (PC.DEL/1001/12), Switzerland, Holy See (PC.DEL/999/12), Norway, Turkey (PC.DEL/1000/12/Corr.1), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/8/12), Hungary, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan

**Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MINSK
GROUP**

Chairperson, Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (United States of America), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (Russian Federation), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (France), Personal Representative of the OSCE

Chairperson-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the Minsk Conference, 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 the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/977/12), Ukraine, Turkey (PC.DEL/1009/12), Azerbaijan, Armenia

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
OSCE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT
DEALT WITH BY THE MINSK CONFERENCE

Discussion under agenda item 2

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA TO
THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1050 (PC.DEC/1050) on forwarding of a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE
ACCESSION OF MONGOLIA TO THE OSCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1051 (PC.DEC/1051) on the recommendation on the accession of Mongolia to the OSCE, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Spain (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Elections in the United States of America, held on 6 November 2012:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1004/12), Belarus (PC.DEL/1002/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1008/12)
- (b) *Demonstration by extremists in Moscow on 4 November 2012:* Latvia (PC.DEL/1011/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1010/12)
- (c) *Need for supplementary Unified Budget resources by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1005/12), Norway

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Working visit to Chisinau and Tiraspol by the mediators and observers in the
 “5+2” negotiation format on the settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict:*
 Chairperson (CIO.GAL/161/12)

- (b) *Civil Society Forum held in Vienna on 7 November 2012:* Chairperson
 (CIO.GAL/161/12)

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 November 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Permanent Council**

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**DECISION No. 1050
FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to request the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson of the Ministerial Council a draft agenda for the Nineteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.



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**DECISION No. 1051
RECOMMENDATION ON THE ACCESSION OF
MONGOLIA TO THE OSCE**

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 accession of Mongolia to the OSCE, as contained in document MC.DD/1/12/Rev.2 of 30 October 2012;
2. Recommends that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 20 November 2012, at midnight CET.

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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 Spain:

“Mr. Chairperson,

Spain, which strongly supports Mongolia’s application to become a participating State, welcomes the decision just adopted by the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the admission of Mongolia to the OSCE, as contained in document MC.DD/1/12/Rev.2 of 30 October 2012, and to recommend that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure.

My delegation has followed with great interest the decision-making process that has taken place and notes the implications in terms of military transparency of the fact that, on this occasion, the zone of application for confidence- and security-building measures of the Vienna Document, as defined in Annex I, shall not extend to the territory of Mongolia.

Spain attaches great importance to the principle of reciprocity in terms of military transparency so that no unbalanced relationships emerge in which some States assume obligations towards other States without a similar relationship in the opposite direction.

Thus, my delegation was initially opposed to the idea of not adhering strictly to the principle of reciprocity in the modalities for the implementation of the commitments set out in the Vienna Document. Nevertheless, on this occasion, we decided not to hinder the rapid decision-making process necessary to welcome Mongolia as soon as possible as a new participating State.

In making this decision, we have taken into account the specific geopolitical features of Mongolia that make this case the exception rather than the rule in the event that in the future other States follow Mongolia’s example and seek admission to the OSCE as new participating States. Accordingly, Spain believes that this case should not set a precedent for future cases of other States applying to become participating States of the OSCE.

I would ask that this statement be attached as an annex to this Permanent Council decision.

Thank you very much.”