

Chairmanship: Lithuania

848th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 27 January 2011

Opened: 10.40 a.m.
Suspended: 12.55 p.m.
Resumed: 3.10 p.m.
Closed: 4.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

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 terrorist attacks at Domodedovo Airport in Moscow. The Permanent Council then observed a minute of silence.

Russian Federation (PC.DEL/75/11/Corr.1), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/72/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/63/11), Canada, Holy See (PC.DEL/61/11), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus (PC.DEL/89/11), Ukraine, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Algeria (Partner for Co-operation), Switzerland

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

Agenda item 1: PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SECURITY COMMITTEE, THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE AND THE HUMAN DIMENSION COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Security Committee (Germany)
(PC.DEL/64/11), Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Committee

(Ukraine) (PC.DEL/56/11), Chairperson of the Human Dimension Committee (Switzerland) (PC.DEL/84/11), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/71/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/62/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/73/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/90/11), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Canada (PC.DEL/65/11), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/60/11)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in Albania:* Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/74/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/58/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/80/11), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Albania (PC.DEL/70/11), Chairperson
- (b) *Freedom of the media in Armenia:* Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/76/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/57/11), Armenia (PC.DEL/94/11 OSCE+)
- (c) *Article 31 demonstrations in the Russian Federation:* Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/77/11/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/59/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/92/11)
- (d) *Recent developments in the Tskhinvali region:* Georgia (PC.DEL/88/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/85/11), Hungary-European Union (PC.DEL/81/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/78/11)
- (e) *Resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in connection with the Dick Marty Report:* Serbia (PC.DEL/68/11), United States

of America (PC.DEL/86/11), Hungary-European Union (PC.DEL/79/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/83/11), Albania (PC.DEL/69/11), Chairperson

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

- (a) *Commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day*: Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Special Envoy of the Chairperson-in-Office, Mr. E. Ignatavičius, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, to Tirana*: Chairperson
- (c) *Visit of the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for Protracted Conflicts, Ambassador G. Čekuolis, to Tbilisi*: Chairperson
- (d) *Visit of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues, Ms. W. Patten, to Vienna*: Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Discontinuation of the OSCE Office in Minsk: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/23/11 OSCE+), Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/66/11), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/82/11/Rev.1), Belarus (PC.DEL/91/11)

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *General election in Ireland, to be held at the end of February 2011*: Ireland
- (b) *Commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day*: Ukraine (PC.DEL/87/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/67/11), Turkey

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 3 February 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal