
Chairmanship: Finland**714th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 29 May 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 12.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Mongolia (Partner for Co-operation) to the OSCE, Ambassador Jargalsaikhan Enkhsaikhan.

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

Agenda item 1: PRESENTATION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE 2009 PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/96/08 OSCE+), Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/418/08), Canada (PC.DEL/424/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/430/08 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/423/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/416/08/Rev.1), Spain

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro (PC.FR/13/08 OSCE+), Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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 Iceland and Norway, members of the European

Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/420/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/413/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/429/08 OSCE+), Montenegro (PC.DEL/427/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN DUSHANBE

Head of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe (PC.FR/14/08 OSCE+), Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/419/08), Norway (PC.DEL/426/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/428/08/Corr.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/412/08), Canada (PC.DEL/425/08), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/410/08 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Georgia, held on 21 May 2008*: Georgia, Slovenia-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/421/08), Norway (PC.DEL/417/08/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/411/08), Canada (PC.DEL/433/08), Ukraine (PC.DEL/431/08 OSCE+)
- (b) *Accessibility of the Internet sites of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Central Asia*: United States of America (PC.DEL/414/08), United Kingdom, Slovenia-European Union, Kazakhstan
- (c) *Incident involving an unmanned aerial vehicle in Abkhazia, Georgia, on 20 April 2008*: Georgia, Russian Federation, Chairperson

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE 2008 OSCE-AFGHANISTAN CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 851 (PC.DEC/851), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the 2008 OSCE-Afghanistan Conference.

Russian Federation (PC.DEL/422/08 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson

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

*Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the
Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/78/08/Rev.1): Chairperson*

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General:
Secretary General*
- (b) *Eighth High-Level Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons Conference,
focusing on child trafficking: responses and challenges at local level, held on
26 and 27 May 2008 in Vienna: Secretary General*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Closure of the office of the United States Agency for International
Development in Zagreb: United States of America (PC.DEL/415/08), Croatia*
- (b) *Local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to be held on 5 October 2008:
Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/409/08)*
- (c) *Matters of protocol: Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Cyprus,
Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 5 June 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 851
2008 OSCE-AFGHANISTAN CONFERENCE**

Kabul, 14 and 15 September 2008

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the offer by Afghanistan to host a 2008 OSCE conference with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Further to the discussion in the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Taking into consideration the Government of Afghanistan's commitment to ensure the necessary security conditions,

1. Decides to hold the 2008 OSCE-Afghanistan Conference on the topic "Strengthening Co-operation between the OSCE and its Asian Partners for Co-operation to Address Challenges to Security" in Kabul, on 14 and 15 September 2008;
2. Requests Afghanistan to provide the Permanent Council with regular updates on the security situation in the country.