

**Chairmanship: Ukraine**

**944th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 14 March 2013

Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 3.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk  
Ms. N. Galibarenko

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION,  
H.E. ALEKSEY Y. MESHKOV

Chairperson, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (PC.DEL/176/13 OSCE+), Ireland-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 Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/173/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/169/13), Switzerland (PC.DEL/165/13 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/179/13), Norway (PC.DEL/167/13), Turkey (PC.DEL/178/13 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Holy See

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR  
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/17/13 OSCE+), Ireland-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, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/174/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/170/13), Switzerland (PC.DEL/166/13 OSCE+), Russian Federation, Belarus (PC.DEL/180/13 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/168/13 OSCE+), Holy See (PC.DEL/171/13 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/181/13 OSCE+), Georgia, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Tunisia (Partner for Co-operation), Canada, Chairperson

Agenda item 3:            REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a)    *Acts of violence committed against two Azerbaijani citizens at an event held on the premises of the National Assembly of France: Azerbaijan, France, Armenia*
- (b)    *Response to a statement made by Armenia at the 939th meeting of the Permanent Council: Turkey (PC.DEL/182/13), Armenia*

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

- (a)    *Visit by the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Discussions to Georgia: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/28/13)*
- (b)    *Visit by the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Discussions to Moscow on 19 March 2013: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/28/13)*
- (c)    *Twenty-third round of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 25 to 27 March 2013: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/28/13)*

Agenda item 5:            REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)    *Security Days event on “international community engagement with Afghanistan and Central Asian States – challenges, synergies, possible responses and the OSCE role”, held in Vienna on 12 March 2013: Secretary General*
- (b)    *Meeting between the Secretary General of the OSCE and the Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Mr. D. Mezentsev, on 12 March 2013: Secretary General*
- (c)    *Meeting between the Secretary General and the Director of the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, Mr. S. B. Klychbayevich on 12 March 2013: Secretary General*
- (d)    *Security Days event on “developing a new approach to conventional arms control”, held in Vienna on 4 March 2013: Secretary General*

- (e) *Meeting between the Secretary General and the Minister of Defence of Montenegro, H.E. M. Pejanović-Đurišić, on 13 March 2013:* Secretary General
- (f) *Meeting between the Secretary General and the Director-General of the OPEC Fund for International Development, Mr. S. J. Al-Herbish, on 11 March 2013:* Secretary General
- (g) *Fifty-sixth session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held in Vienna from 11 to 15 March 2013:* Secretary General
- (h) *Forthcoming visit of the Secretary General to Baku:* Secretary General
- (i) *Response to a statement made by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly under agenda item 2:* Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Georgia, Ambassador P. Gaprindashvili:* Dean of the Permanent Council (Liechtenstein), Georgia, Chairperson
- (b) *Mandate of the OSCE Office in Baku:* Azerbaijan, United States of America (PC.DEL/172/13), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country 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/175/13), Chairperson
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Bulgaria, to be held on 12 May 2013:* Bulgaria (PC.DEL/177/13)
- (d) *Selection process for the position of High Commissioner on National Minorities:* Chairperson
- (e) *Second Preparatory Meeting of the 21st OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, to be held in Kyiv on 16 and 17 April 2013:* Chairperson
- (f) *2013 Annual Meeting of the OSCE Border Security and Management National Focal Point Network, to be held in Kyiv from 8 to 10 April 2013:* Chairperson
- (g) *Meeting of the Helsinki+40 Working Group, to be held in Vienna on 15 March 2013:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 21 March 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal