
Chairmanship: Finland**734th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 25 September 2008

Opened: 10 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the OSCE, Ambassador Marios Lyssiotis.

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

Agenda item 1: PRESENTATION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2004 OSCE ACTION PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/170/08), France-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 countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/793/08), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/796/08), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein) (PC.DEL/812/08), Canada

Agenda item 2: REPORT OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE FOR ARTICLE IV OF THE DAYTON PEACE ACCORDS, BRIGADIER GENERAL C. PERIOTTO

Chairperson, Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for Article IV of the Dayton Peace Accords (CIO.GAL/132/08 OSCE+), France-European

Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; 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/794/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/803/08 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/797/08), Montenegro (also on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia) (PC.DEL/801/08)

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek (PC.FR/20/08 OSCE+), France-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/792/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/802/08 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/795/08), Norway (PC.DEL/804/08), Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan (Annex)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Belarus, to be held on 28 September 2008:* United States of America (PC.DEL/798/08), Belarus (PC.DEL/809/08 OSCE+), Chairperson
- (b) *Recent developments in Georgia:* Georgia (PC.DEL/811/08), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/808/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Quintet ministerial meeting, held in New York on 23 September 2008:* Chairperson
- (b) *Appointment of the Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (CIO.GAL/143/08 OSCE+):* Chairperson
- (c) *Renewal of the appointment of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine (CIO.GAL/142/08 OSCE+):* Chairperson
- (d) *Report on the further improvement of the programme and budget planning process within the OSCE:* Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance (CIO.GAL/144/08 OSCE+), Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/799/08)

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *The 2008 OSCE-Afghanistan Conference on Strengthening Co-operation between the OSCE and its Asian Partners for Co-operation to Address Challenges to Security, to be held in Kabul on 9 and 10 November 2008:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/180/08 OSCE+)
- (b) *Reissue of vacancy notices for seconded posts in the OSCE:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/180/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *First European Union-Central Asia Ministerial Forum on Security Issues, held in Paris on 18 September 2008:* France-European Union
- (b) *Release of the 2008 Report on International Religious Freedom by the United States of America:* United States of America (PC.DEL/800/08), Kazakhstan
- (c) *Organizational matters:* Spain

4. Next meeting:

To be announced



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF KYRGYZSTAN

Mr. Chairperson,

Allow me to thank Mr. Tesoriere, Head of the OSCE Centre in Kyrgyzstan, for his informative report.

The Kyrgyzstan Republic values highly the level of fruitful co-operation with the OSCE that has been attained. We take a positive view of the activities of the mission in Bishkek in strengthening collaboration between Kyrgyzstan and the OSCE under the terms of the Centre's mandate. One example of successful co-operation with the OSCE can be seen in the implementation of the programme to assist the internal affairs agencies in their work and the programme to reform the country's Ministry of Internal Affairs. We are interested in continuing this project in the light of the ongoing reforms of the country's law enforcement and judicial systems. We support the activities of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, which has become one of the important educational projects in Central Asia.

We note that the information presented in the report deals not only with a number of current problems but also certain events that took place last year. These events were the subject of an exchange of statements, and we do not believe there is any need to return to them at this time.

As priority areas for future co-operation with the OSCE, we call attention to Kyrgyzstan's involvement in the rehabilitation of Afghanistan and the opening of a customs centre in Bishkek. We consider it important that there be international assistance in reforming the prison system. Kyrgyzstan especially needs help in solving the problem of renovating tailings storage facilities for radioactive and toxic waste, which pose an environmental threat to the entire Central Asian region. There must be a stronger focus on this subject with a view to identifying sources of funding.

In conclusion, we note that Kyrgyzstan is prepared in every way to strengthen and expand further co-operation with the OSCE.

Mr. Chairperson,

I would request that the text of this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.