

Chairmanship: Lithuania

884th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 20 October 2011

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12 noon

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

Prior to taking up the agenda, on behalf of the Permanent Council, the Chairperson welcomed the new Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the OSCE, Ms. G. Martin Zanathy.

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova (PC.FR/22/11 OSCE+), Poland-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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/987/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/983/11 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/973/11), Ukraine, United Kingdom (PC.DEL/985/11 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/991/11 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Terrorist attacks in Turkey on 18 and 19 October 2011:* Chairperson, Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries

* Incorporates a correction to the speaker list under agenda item 2(a).

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, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/990/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/971/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/977/11 OSCE+), Azerbaijan, Canada (PC.DEL/984/11), Ukraine, Turkey (PC.DEL/989/11)

- (b) *Freedom of the media in Tajikistan*: Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; 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 Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/986/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/972/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/978/11 OSCE+), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/981/11)
- (c) *Freedom of assembly and expression in Belarus*: Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; as well as the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/988/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/974/11), Norway (PC.DEL/975/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/979/11 OSCE+)
- (d) *Freedom of assembly in the United States of America and in member States of the European Union*: Belarus (PC.DEL/980/11 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/982/11)

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

- (a) *Participation of the Head of the OSCE Chairmanship Task Force, Ambassador R. Paulauskas, in the NATO Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC) meeting on Afghanistan, held in Brussels on 18 October 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/207/11)
- (b) *Attendance of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for Protracted Conflicts, Ambassador G. Čekuolis, at the OSCE Secretary General's working lunch with the Political and Security Committee (PSC) of the European Union, held in Brussels on 19 October 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/207/11)
- (c) *Chairmanship Conference entitled Integrating Global Energy Markets – Providing Energy Security, to be held in Ashgabat on 3 and 4 November 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/207/11)

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Brussels from 18 to 19 October 2011:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/167/11 OSCE+)
- (b) *Participation of the Secretary General in a seminar focusing on the OSCE, held at the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces on 15 October 2011:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/167/11 OSCE+)
- (c) *Participation of the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre in the International Forum for a Nuclear Weapon-Free World, held in Astana on 12 October 2011:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/167/11 OSCE+)
- (d) *Marking of EU Anti-Trafficking Day on 18 October 2011:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/167/11 OSCE+)
- (e) *Meeting on OSCE-Interpol co-operation in policing development activities, held in Lyon, France, from 17 to 18 October 2011:* Secretary General (SEC.GAL/167/11 OSCE+)

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *International Forum for a Nuclear Weapon-Free World, held in Astana on 12 October 2011:* Kazakhstan
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Slovenia, to be held on 4 December 2011:* Slovenia (PC.DEL/976/11)
- (c) *The state of play with regard to substantive issues related to the Eighteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council, topic to be discussed at the Permanent Council meeting on 27 October 2011:* Chairperson
- (d) *OSCE Parliamentary Assembly election observation missions to the Russian Federation, Tunisia and Kyrgyzstan:* OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 27 October 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal