

**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Permanent Council**  PC.JOUR/886 3 November 2011

**Chairmanship: Lithuania** 

## **886th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. <u>Date</u>: Thursday, 3 November 2011

 Opened:
 10.05 a.m.

 Suspended:
 1.05 p.m.

 Resumed:
 3.05 p.m.

 Closed:
 3.45 p.m.

- 2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ambassador R. Norkus
- 3. <u>Subjects discussed Statements Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, H.E. PETROS EFTHYMIOU

President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/5/11), 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1034/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/1029/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1040/11/Corr.1), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1046/11), Croatia (PC.DEL/1043/11), Azerbaijan, Belarus (PC.DEL/1037/11), Armenia, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: ADDRESS BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MINSK GROUP

Chairperson, Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (France), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (United States of America), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (Russian Federation), Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1041/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/1038/11), Turkey (PC.DEL/1047/11), Azerbaijan, Armenia

## Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT DEALT WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK CONFERENCE

Discussion under agenda item 2.

## Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) Presidential elections in Kyrgyzstan, held on 30 October 2011: Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/1031/11), 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1036/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/1030/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1042/11/Corr.1), Belarus (PC.DEL/1039/11), Kazakhstan, Canada (PC.DEL/1048/11)
- (b) Human rights and the rule of law in Kazakhstan: 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; in alignment) (PC.DEL/1035/11/Corr.1), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/1045/11)
- (c) Istanbul Conference for Afghanistan: Security and Cooperation in the Heart of Asia, high-level regional conference held in Istanbul on 2 November 2011: Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Turkey

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

- (a) Visit to Ukraine of the Personal Representatives of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, on Combating Anti-Semitism, and on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, undertaken from 24 to 27 October 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/216/11)
- (b) Participation of the Senior Adviser of the Lithuanian OSCE Chairmanship, Ambassador Brendan Moran, in the Conference on the Provision of Civil Documentation and Registration in South-Eastern Europe, held in Zagreb on 26 and 27 October 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/216/11)

- (c) Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Mongolia to the Chairperson-in-Office expressing his country's willingness to join the OSCE as a participating State (CIO.GAL/213/11 OSCE+): Chairperson (CIO.GAL/216/11), Mongolia
- (d) Conference on Confronting Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims in Public Discourse, held in Vienna on 28 October 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/216/11)
- (e) Participation of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues, Ms. W. Patten, in a conference on improving the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women and peace and security, held in Sarajevo on 27 and 28 October 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/216/11)
- (f) Statement by the Chairperson-in-Office welcoming the release of Mr. Ilya Kazak on 1 November 2011 (SEC.PR/427/11): Chairperson (CIO.GAL/216/11), Moldova (PC.DEL/1033/11)
- (g) Comments on Belarus made by the Chairperson-in-Office on the radio on 28 October 2011: Belarus, Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/177/11 OSCE+): Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Interfaith meeting for peace, held in Assisi, Italy, on 27 October 2011: Holy See (PC.DEL/1032/11)
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Croatia, to be held on 4 December 2011*: Croatia (PC.DEL/1044/11)
- (c) *Freedom of assembly and expression in the United Kingdom:* United Kingdom, Belarus
- (d) Distribution of the status of decisions/documents proposed for adoption or adopted by the OSCE Ministerial Council in the year 2011 (MC.INF/9/11 Restr.): Chairperson
- (e) *Reminder of the deadline for registration for the Eighteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council, 7 November 2011*: Chairperson

- (f) Flight information for the Eighteenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council, to be held in Vilnius on 6 and 7 December 2011 (MC.INF/7/11): Chairperson
- 4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

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