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**Chairmanship: Ukraine****954th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 30 May 2013  
  
Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Closed: 1.15 p.m.
  
2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk
  
3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GUAM, H.E. VALERI CHECHELASHVILI

Chairperson, Secretary General of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, in alignment) (PC.DEL/408/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/412/13), Georgia, Turkey (PC.DEL/423/13), Moldova

Agenda item 2: OSCE CENTRE IN ASHGABAT

Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat (PC.FR/7/13 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 Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/411/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/429/13 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/413/13), Turkey (PC.DEL/424/13 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Chairperson (CIO.GAL/63/13)

Agenda item 3: OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK AND OSCE ACADEMY IN BISHKEK

Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek (PC.FR/8/13 OSCE+), Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek (PC.FR/9/13 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/426/13 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/414/13), 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 Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/409/13), Turkey (PC.DEL/425/13 OSCE+), Switzerland, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Meeting in the “5+2” negotiation format on the settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Odessa, Ukraine, on 23 and 24 May 2013:* Chairperson, 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/410/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/415/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/428/13 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/430/13)
- (b) *Violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in Georgia and in the United States of America:* United States of America (PC.DEL/416/13), Georgia
- (c) *Installation of fences in the Tskhinvali region:* Georgia (PC.DEL/431/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/417/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/427/13), Chairperson
- (d) *Detention of former Minister of Culture Mr. G. Nurmammedov in Turkmenistan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/418/13), Turkmenistan

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

*Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/65/13):* Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/101/13 OSCE+):* Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Stockholm Internet Forum 2013, held in Stockholm on 22 and 23 May 2013: Sweden*
- (b) *Ministerial meeting of the Arctic Council, held in Kiruna, Sweden, on 15 May 2013: Sweden*
- (c) *OSCE High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination (including Human Rights Youth Education on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination), held in Tirana on 21 and 22 May 2013: Turkey (also on behalf of Norway and Switzerland) (Annex 1), Chairperson, Albania (Annex 2), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*
- (d) *Meeting of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, held in Vienna on 17 May 2013: Switzerland, Chairperson*
- (e) *Letter written by the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in response to a statement made by the Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly at the 953rd meeting of the Permanent Council (CIO.GAL/64/13 Restr.): OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairperson*
- (f) *OSCE Youth Summit, to be held in Crimea, Ukraine, from 20 July to 1 August 2013: Chairperson*
- (g) *OSCE Mini-Football Cup, to be held in Vienna on 1 June 2013: Chairperson (CIO.INF/26/13 OSCE+)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 June 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF TURKEY  
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF NORWAY AND SWITZERLAND)**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

I would like to make this statement on behalf of the delegations of Norway, Switzerland and Turkey.

As a result of the tireless efforts of the Ukrainian Chairmanship, the excellent organization by the Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, and the gracious hospitality of Albania, the High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination held in Tirana on 21 and 22 May 2013 can be considered a success. As Norway, Switzerland and Turkey, we take every opportunity to underscore the importance of TND-related activities, stressing that all the various areas within the human dimension are equally important and deserve equal attention. The High-Level Conference thus allowed us to focus on pressing issues which should not be neglected.

We find it regrettable that the delay experienced in finalizing the decision related to the Conference made it difficult for most delegations to ensure high-level participation from their capitals in a timely manner. Nevertheless, also due to the many inputs from civil society, we believe the Conference provided us with a valuable opportunity to exchange views and best practices and to engage in lively, constructive debate, all of which will hopefully contribute to the strengthening of our relevant commitments and their full implementation. The Conference, like other human dimension events, once again has shown us the importance of the participation of civil society in the discussions.

Although all the topics which were discussed during the two days of the Conference had aspects requiring the attention and involvement of all the institutions of the OSCE, no institutions apart from the ODIHR were represented at the Conference. We believe the Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media and the Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities should also be represented at such events and note with regret that the late adoption of a Permanent Council decision made it impossible for them to attend. We further believe that all three Personal Representatives of the Chairperson-in-Office on combating intolerance and discrimination should have been represented at the Conference.

We would like to add that the presence of the ODIHR's Director, Ambassador Lenarčič, would have further bolstered the credentials of the event. His personal insight would certainly have been an additional asset.

It is our hope and expectation that the results of the High-Level Conference will prepare the ground for deliverables, including a decision, at the upcoming Kyiv Ministerial Council in the area of tolerance and non-discrimination.

We request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you.



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ALBANIA**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Albania wishes to join Norway, Switzerland and Turkey in paying tribute to the vigorous efforts of the Ukrainian Chairmanship in making the Tirana High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination a success and to the crucial contribution of the ODIHR in this same regard.

We would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to the Conference, and likewise to express our gratitude to all delegations and civil society representatives for their valuable input to the lively discussions.

The discussions held in Tirana clearly reconfirmed both the importance of the full implementation of our commitments in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination and also the pivotal role played by our institutions in helping participating States in the challenging process of implementation.

Underlining the importance of this event for the work of the OSCE, Albania's Foreign Minister noted in his introductory remarks that in convening the Conference the participating States were according recognition to the need both to pursue the path of high-level events charted by our predecessors over the past ten years and also to continue the OSCE's substantial involvement in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination.

This is how it should be, and we hope that the well-established practice of convening high-level meetings of this kind will also be pursued by future OSCE chairmanships.

Like Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and many other delegations around this table, we expect the High-Level Conference to have prepared the ground for concrete achievements in the area of tolerance and non-discrimination at the upcoming Ministerial Council in Kyiv, including a decision.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairperson, I wish to thank all those colleagues who have expressed their gratitude to the hosts of the Conference. I will convey their thanks to my authorities in Tirana. As the Prime Minister of Albania put it, the pleasure to have had you in Tirana was all ours.

I request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.