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**Chairmanship: Greece****777th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 22 October 2009

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M. Marinaki

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Israel to the OSCE, Ambassador Aviv Shir-On.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF LITHUANIA, H.E. VYGAUDAS UŠACKAS

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania (PC.DEL/808/09), Norway (PC.DEL/815/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/810/09 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/811/09), Holy See (PC.DEL/819/09), Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey (PC.DEL/831/09), Belarus (PC.DEL/814/09), Georgia, Romania (PC.DEL/832/09), Hungary (PC.DEL/821/09), Sweden, Germany (PC.DEL/820/09), Moldova (PC.DEL/822/09), United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Ukraine (PC.DEL/825/09), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/829/09)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE TIMETABLE AND  
ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE OSCE  
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 900 (PC.DEC/900), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the timetable and organizational modalities of the Seventeenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.

Agenda item 3:           DECISION ON THE FORWARDING OF A DRAFT  
AGENDA TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 901 (PC.DEC/901), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the forwarding of a draft agenda to the Ministerial Council.

Agenda item 4:           OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (PC.FR/20/09 OSCE+), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries 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, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/826/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/812/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/818/09 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/828/09)

Agenda item 5:           REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

*Case of Mr. Y. Zhovtis in Kazakhstan:* Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; 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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/827/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/813/09), Canada (PC.DEL/816/09), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/817/09)

Agenda item 6:           REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairman-in-Office (CIO.GAL/154/09):* Chairperson

Agenda item 7:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/178/09 OSCE+):* Secretary General

Agenda item 8:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)   *Selection process for the appointment of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (CIO.GAL/155/09 Restr.):* Chairperson
- (b)   *Presidential elections in Romania, to be held on 22 November 2009:* Romania (PC.DEL/830/09)

- (c) *Regional elections in Slovakia, to be held on 14 November 2009: Slovakia*
- (d) *2009 Fall Meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Athens from 9 to 12 October 2009: Parliamentary Assembly*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 29 October 2009, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



**777th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 900  
TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES  
OF THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE  
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

(Athens, 1 and 2 December 2009)

**I. Timetable**

**Tuesday, 1 December 2009**

- 10 a.m.      **Opening session (open)**
- Formal opening and adoption of the agenda
  - Address by a representative of the host country
  - Address by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office
  - Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
  - Report by the OSCE Secretary General
- First plenary session (closed)**
- Statements by heads of delegations
- Family photo
- 1 p.m.      Working luncheon for the ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegations
- Separate lunch for members of delegations
- 3–6 p.m.    **Second plenary session (closed)**
- Statements by heads of delegations

- 7.30 p.m. Reception for members of delegations and the press
- 8 p.m. Official dinner for ministers for foreign affairs/heads of delegations

**Wednesday, 2 December 2009**

9.30 a.m. **Third plenary session (closed)**

- Statements by heads of delegations
- Adoption of Ministerial Council decisions and documents
- Any other business

**Closing session (open)**

- Address by a representative of the host country
- Formal closure (statements by the current and incoming Chairmen-in-Office)

- 1.30 p.m. Press conference of the OSCE Troika ministers

## **II. Organizational modalities**

1. The Seventeenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be conducted in accordance with the OSCE Rules of Procedure.
2. The Meeting will be held at the Olympic Centre of Fencing (Hellinikon Complex). Delegations of the participating States will be provided with one seat at the table, at least three seats behind the table and additional seats in the plenary hall.
3. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to attend the Meeting and make contributions:

The United Nations, the Council of Europe and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

These organizations will be invited to address the Meeting in the above order after the statements by the participating States and the Partners for Co-operation.

4. The following international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to attend the Meeting and, if they so wish, make written contributions:

Adriatic-Ionian Initiative; African Union; Asian Development Bank; Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); ASEAN Regional Forum; Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Central European Initiative; Collective Security Treaty Organization; Commonwealth of Independent States; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia;

Council of the Baltic Sea States; Economic Cooperation Organization; Energy Charter Secretariat; Eurasian Economic Community; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; European Investment Bank; Europol; Financial Action Task Force; International Atomic Energy Agency; International Committee of the Red Cross; International Criminal Court; International Criminal Police Organization; International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; International Energy Agency; International Labour Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Organization for Migration; League of Arab States; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM; Organisation internationale de la Francophonie; Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation; Organization of the Islamic Conference; Regional Co-operation Council; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; South-East European Cooperation Process; Southeast European Cooperative Initiative; United Nations Children’s Fund; United Nations Development Fund for Women; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; World Bank and the World Customs Organization.

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### **Activities in parallel to the Ministerial Council meeting**

On 30 November 2009 the OSCE Troika ministers and the ministers for foreign affairs of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation will have a meeting at 6 p.m. The OSCE Troika ministers and the ministers for foreign affairs of the Asian Partners for Co-operation will have a meeting at 7 p.m.

The organizational modalities foreseen for the Seventeenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council will not apply to the parallel activities.



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**DECISION No. 901  
FORWARDING OF A DRAFT AGENDA  
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to request the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson of the Ministerial Council a draft agenda for the Seventeenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.