

Chairmanship: Ukraine

947th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 11 April 2013

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk

The Chairperson expressed condolences to Serbia in connection with the mass shooting which occurred in Velika Ivanča, Serbia, on 9 April 2013. Serbia thanked the Chairperson for the condolences.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Croatia to the OSCE, Ambassador D. Šimonović, who made a short speech to mark the assumption of her post.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CENTRAL ASIA, AMBASSADOR PATRICIA FLOR

Chairperson, European Union Special Representative for Central Asia, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/227/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/205/13), Switzerland (PC.DEL/213/13), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/229/13), Norway (PC.DEL/211/13), Turkey (PC.DEL/217/13), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/222/13), Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/230/13), Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/221/13), Slovakia, Canada

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Pardoning of Mr. Y. Lutsenko in Ukraine:* 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/233/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/206/13), Canada (PC.DEL/214/13 OSCE+), Ukraine

- (b) *Twenty-third round of the Geneva Discussions, held on 27 March 2013:* 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 Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/231/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/207/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/225/13), Georgia, Chairperson
- (c) *Inspection of non-governmental organizations in the Russian Federation:* Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/234/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/208/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/228/13)
- (d) *Freedom of religion in Kazakhstan:* United States of America (PC.DEL/209/13), Kazakhstan
- (e) *International Roma Day, observed on 8 April 2013:* 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 Armenia, Andorra, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/232/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/210/13), Ukraine
- (f) *Situation at the Guantánamo Detention Facility:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/226/13), Belarus (PC.DEL/224/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/216/13)

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

- (a) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to the Russian Federation on 28 and 29 March 2013:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/39/13)

- (b) *Seventeenth meeting of the Co-ordination Group between the Council of Europe and the OSCE, held in Strasbourg, France, on 5 April 2013: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/39/13)*
- (c) *2013 Annual Meeting of the OSCE Border Security and Management National Focal Point Network, held in Kyiv from 8 to 10 April 2013: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/39/13)*
- (d) *Invitation to the OSCE Ukrainian Chairmanship to attend the meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Bureau to be held in Copenhagen on 14 and 15 April 2013: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/39/13)*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Brussels on 9 and 10 April 2013: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/66/13 OSCE+)*
- (b) *OSCE contribution to the International Conference on Strengthening Cooperation in Preventing Terrorism, held in Baku on 18 and 19 March 2013 (SEC.GAL/62/13 OSCE+): Secretary General (SEC.GAL/66/13 OSCE+)*
- (c) *Re-issuance of notices for the vacant positions of Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan and Senior Programme Officer, Energy Security, in the Secretariat: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/66/13 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Death of the Foreign Service Officer Ms. A. Smedinghoff in Afghanistan: United States of America (PC.DEL/215/13)*
- (b) *International Conference on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, to be held in Oslo on 15 and 16 April 2013: Norway (PC.DEL/212/13)*
- (c) *Tenth Slovak Annual Congress on Power and Energy entitled "Safety and Security of the Energy Infrastructure, Stable Investment Environment and Innovations – The Way to the Sustainable Energy Future", to be held in Bratislava on 23 and 24 April 2013: Slovakia (PC.DEL/219/13)*
- (d) *Regional conference on human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity, held in Paris on 26 March 2013: France (PC.DEL/223/13)*
- (e) *Second preparatory meeting of the twenty-first OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum on Increasing stability and security: Improving the environmental footprint of energy-related activities in the OSCE region, to be held in Kyiv on 16 and 17 April 2013: Chairperson*
- (f) *Appeal for applicants for the Audit Committee: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/38/13 Restr.)*

- (g) *Seventeenth Summer Academy on the OSCE, to be held at the European Peace University in Stadtschlaining, Austria, from 9 to 21 June 2013: Chairperson, Austria*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 18 April 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal