
Chairmanship: Ireland**906th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 22 March 2012

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1.05 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O’Leary
Ms. M. Feeney

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, expressed condolences to France in connection with the recent shootings in Toulouse. France thanked the Council for the expression of condolences.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MINSK GROUP

Chairperson, Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (United States of America), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (Russian Federation), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (France), Denmark-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 Andorra and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/262/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/267/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/252/12), Belarus (PC.DEL/269/12), Switzerland (PC.DEL/254/12), Turkey (PC.DEL/263/12), Italy, Azerbaijan, Armenia

1 Includes a correction to agenda item 10(e).

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SECURITY COMMITTEE; THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE; AND THE HUMAN DIMENSION COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Security Committee (PC.DEL/257/12 OSCE+), Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Committee (PC.DEL/249/12 OSCE+), Chairperson of the Human Dimension Committee (PC.DEL/248/12 OSCE+), Denmark-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 Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/260/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/266/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/251/12), Belarus (PC.DEL/270/12), Canada

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OSCE ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) UPGRADE FUND

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1033 (PC.DEC/1033) on the establishment of the OSCE Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Upgrade Fund, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR IN WARSAW

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1034 (PC.DEC/1034) on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1035 (PC.DEC/1035) on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1036 (PC.DEC/1036) on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (also on behalf of Belarus and Kazakhstan) (Annex 1),
Chairperson (Annex 2), Canada

Agenda item 7: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, observed on 21 March 2012:* Canada
- (b) *Executions of Mr. D. Kanavalaw and Mr. U. Kavalyow, and the human rights situation in Belarus:* Denmark-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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/261/12), Switzerland (PC.DEL/255/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/253/12/Rev.1), Norway (PC.DEL/250/12), Canada, Belarus (PC.DEL/271/12)
- (c) *Gathering of Latvian legionnaires in Riga, held on 16 March 2012:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/268/12), Latvia (PC.DEL/275/12), Denmark-European Union
- (d) *Tolerance and non-discrimination in the Russian Federation and Moldova:* United States of America (PC.DEL/259/12), France (also on behalf of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom) (PC.DEL/264/12), Moldova (PC.DEL/273/12), Holy See (PC.DEL/272/12), Chairperson, Russian Federation, Norway (PC.DEL/265/12), Switzerland

Agenda item 8: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Twenty-first meeting of the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM), held in Ergneti, Georgia, on 20 March 2012:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/32/12)
- (b) *Attendance of the Chairperson of the Permanent Council at the workshop of the Initiative for the Development of a Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian Security Community (IDEAS), held in Berlin on 20 March 2012:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/32/12)

Agenda item 9: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/63/12 OSCE+)*: Director for Management and Finance
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Bosnia and Herzegovina on 19 and 20 March 2012*: Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/63/12 OSCE+)
- (c) *Appeal for the nomination of candidates for a seconded position in the OSCE Secretariat*: Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/63/12 OSCE+)
- (d) *2012 OSCE Security Days, to be held in Vienna on 24 and 25 June 2012*: Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/63/12 OSCE+)

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Ukraine, to be held on 28 October 2012*: Ukraine
- (b) *OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Economic Conference entitled Fostering Economic Co-operation and Stability in the OSCE Region, to be held in Batumi, Georgia, from 12 to 14 May 2012*: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairperson
- (c) *Election of the new President of Moldova*: Moldova (PC.DEL/274/12)
- (d) *Workshop of the Initiative for the Development of a Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian Security Community (IDEAS), held in Berlin on 20 March 2012*: Germany
- (e) *Registration deadlines for the Chairmanship conference entitled Shared Future: Building and Sustaining Peace, the Northern Ireland Case Study, to be held in Dublin on 27 April 2012, and for the second preparatory meeting of the twentieth OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, to be held in Dublin on 23 and 24 April 2012*: Chairperson
- (f) *Announcement of the next meetings of the Security Committee, the Economic and Environmental Committee and the Human Dimension Committee*: Chairperson
- (g) *International Day of La Francophonie, celebrated on 20 March 2012*: Switzerland (PC.DEL/258/12), Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 29 March 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
(ALSO ON BEHALF OF BELARUS AND KAZAKHSTAN)**

Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption by the Permanent Council of the decisions on certain OSCE events in the third basket in 2012, in particular on the dates of the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, we should like to make the following comment.

The delegations of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation have, in a spirit of compromise and in the interests of the Organization, joined the consensus on this package. At the same time, we should like to confirm our position regarding the urgent need to reform OSCE human dimension events, including the question of the duration of the Warsaw meeting and the procedure for the participation of non-governmental organizations, and to bring them into strict conformity with the decisions of the decision-making bodies, including with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

The participation of our delegations in the 2012 Warsaw meeting will depend entirely on the progress made in reforming the human dimension, including the optimization of the duration of this OSCE event.

We ask that this statement be attached to the journal of today's meeting of the Permanent Council.



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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

I welcome the adoption today by the Permanent Council of the decisions on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting. I would like to thank all delegations for their co-operation in helping us to reach consensus on these items.

With the adoption of these decisions, we can now turn our attention to the review of Human Dimension events, initiated under the Lithuanian Chairmanship last year. As stated in our Priorities for Action paper (CIO.GAL/2/12), the Irish Chairmanship is committed to advancing the review process. In my address to the first meeting of the Human Dimension Committee on 17 January, I reaffirmed my personal commitment to bringing forward change in this area and outlined my plans in this regard.

Today, I would like to announce the establishment of an Informal Working Group to review Human Dimension events. I will chair the first meeting of the Review Group, which will take place next Monday, 26 March, at 10 a.m. Thereafter, it will be chaired as a rule by the Deputy Head of my Mission, Ms. Martina Feeney.

The goal of the Group will be to produce a new Permanent Council decision on modalities for human dimension meetings to replace PC Decision No. 476 of 23 May 2002. The basis for the work of the Group will be the final report of the Swiss consultants, Ximpulse, which will be circulated to delegations toward the end of next week. Participating States will have the opportunity for a first exchange of views on the ideas set out in the Ximpulse Report at a meeting of the Group to be held directly after the Easter Recess.

As previously signalled, it is my intention to devote a session of the Ambassadorial retreat on 7 and 8 May to human dimension reform which, it is my hope, will give a strategic direction to the work of the Review Group. Thereafter, the Group will meet on a regular basis to work through all aspects of a new decision, including goals and objectives of events, format, frequency, topics, agendas, duration, participation and location. Based on these discussions, the Chairmanship may produce proposals for reform in the early summer with a view to taking a decision.

From the Chair's point of view, our objective is to make the events more relevant, more attractive to participants and more predictable in terms of agendas. I need hardly stress

the immensity of this task, nor the difficult compromises that will be required of all delegations if we are to reach consensus on a new framework for human dimension events.

Nevertheless, let me reiterate the Irish Chairmanship's commitment to taking forward this exercise so that future Chairmanships will not have to go through the tortuous process from which we have just emerged.

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PC Journal No. 906, Agenda item 3

**DECISION No. 1033
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OSCE ENTERPRISE RESOURCE
PLANNING (ERP) UPGRADE FUND**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling DMF response PC.ACMF/9/12 on 16 February 2012 to the request by participating States for additional information related to the presentation “Addressing the Requirement to Invest in New Technology” (PC.ACMF/4/12) delivered by DMF at the ACMF meeting of 24 January 2012 on the proposed ERP systems upgrade,

Recalling DMF information letter PC.ACMF/19/12 on 19 March 2012 on the 2011 cash surplus,

Decides to:

- Establish a separate Fund, hereinafter referred to as the ERP Upgrade Fund, to be used through March 2015 to upgrade the IRMA/Oracle Enterprise Resource Planning system;
- Allocate EUR 3,930,000 to the newly established Fund, in three equal instalments of EUR 1,310,000 from each of the 2009, 2010 and 2011 cash surplus;
- Approve an amount of up to EUR 3,930,000 (exclusive of value added tax) as the total cost of the IRMA/Oracle Enterprise Resource Planning system upgrade;

Further decides that any funds remaining available in the Fund at the time of completion of the activities will be treated in accordance with Financial Regulation 7.07;

Requests:

- The Secretary General as Fund Manager to administer the Fund in accordance with Article VII of the Financial Regulations and to provide quarterly reports on the implementation of the ERP upgrade, or more frequently if required;
- The Secretary General to ensure that the activities foreseen under this Fund are completed in the most cost-effective and timely manner.



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**DECISION No. 1034
TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR
IN WARSAW**

The Permanent Council,

Having considered the results of the 2011 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting,

Decides that the Human Dimension Seminar will take place in Warsaw from 14 to 16 May 2012 and will be devoted to the topic “Rule of Law framework for combating Trafficking in Human Beings;

Tasks the ODIHR with elaborating the agenda and modalities of the Seminar.



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**DECISION No. 1035
DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Decides that the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 24 September to 5 October 2012.



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**DECISION No. 1036
TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Decides to select the following topics for the second part of the 2012 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: “Freedom of Religion or Belief”, “Empowerment of Roma Women”, and “Rights of Persons belonging to National Minorities”.