Chairmanship: Lithuania

856th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1.   Date: Thursday, 31 March 2011

     Opened: 10.10 a.m.
     Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2.   Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

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

Agenda item 1:   ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
                      OF TAJIKISTAN, H.E. HAMROKHON ZARIFI

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan (PC.DEL/287/11),
Hungary-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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area;
as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/294/11), United States
of America (PC.DEL/293/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/299/11), Belarus
(PC.DEL/298/11), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/305/11), Kazakhstan
(PC.DEL/292/11), Uzbekistan, Japan (OSCE Partner for Co-operation)
(PC.DEL/288/11), Afghanistan (OSCE Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 2:   REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE OSCE OFFICE IN
                      MINSK FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2010, PRESENTED
                      BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE CONFLICT PREVENTION
                      CENTRE

Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre (SEC.GAL/53/11 Restr.), Canada
(also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and
Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia,
Finland, France, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Germany,
Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania,

Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (PC.DEL/289/11), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/291/11), Ukraine (PC.DEL/302/11 OSCE+), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/300/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/296/11 OSCE+), Chairperson (CIO.GAL/52/11 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3:   DECISION ON AN OSCE CONFERENCE ON A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY: EXPLORING THE FUTURE OSCE ROLE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 991 (PC.DEC/991) on an OSCE Conference on a Comprehensive Approach to Cyber Security: Exploring the Future OSCE Role, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4:   DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY: EXPLORING THE FUTURE OSCE ROLE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 992 (PC.DEC/992) on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities for the OSCE Conference on a Comprehensive Approach to Cyber Security: Exploring the Future OSCE Role, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5:   DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2011 OSCE-MONGOLIA CONFERENCE ON ENHANCING OSCE CO-OPERATION WITH THE ASIAN PARTNERS IN ADDRESSING COMMON CHALLENGES THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SECURITY

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 993 (PC.DEC/993) on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2011 OSCE-Mongolia Conference on Enhancing OSCE Co-operation with the Asian Partners in Addressing Common Challenges through a Comprehensive Approach to Security, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6:   DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2011 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR

Chairperson, Russian Federation, Switzerland

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 994 (PC.DEC/994) on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the 2011 Human Dimension Seminar, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 7:   DECISION ON THE DATES, AGENDA, MANDATE AND MODALITIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 995 (PC.DEC/995) on the dates, agenda, mandate and modalities of the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 8:   REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Safety of journalists in Ukraine: Hungary-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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/295/11), Ukraine (PC.DEL/303/11 OSCE+)

Agenda item 9:   REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

(a)   *Statement by the Chairperson-in-Office on the closure of the OSCE Office in Minsk (SEC.PR/73/11)*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/51/11)

(b)   *High-Level Meeting on Confronting Anti-Semitism in Public Discourse, held in Prague on 23 and 24 March 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/51/11)

(c)   *Update on the Roundtable on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians, to be held in Rome*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/51/11)

Agenda item 10:   REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(a)   *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General* (SEC.GAL/57/11 OSCE+): Director of the Office of the Secretary General

(b)   *Extension of the deadline for applications for two seconded vacancies*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/57/11 OSCE+)

Agenda item 11:   ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a)	*General elections in Canada, to be held on 2 May 2011*: Canada (PC.DEL/307/11)

(b)	*Presidential elections in Kazakhstan, to be held on 3 April 2011*: Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/301/11)

(c)	*Referendum on a new parliamentary voting system in the United Kingdom, to be held on 5 May 2011*: United Kingdom (PC.DEL/297/11)

(d)	*Visit to Central Asia of OSCE Ambassadors, to take place from 3 to 10 April 2011*: Chairperson

(e)	*Registration for the Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on national human rights institutions, to be held on 14 and 15 April 2011*: Chairperson

4.	<u>Next meeting</u>:

Thursday, 7 April 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

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DECISION No. 991
OSCE CONFERENCE ON A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY: EXPLORING THE FUTURE OSCE ROLE

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 3/04 on combating the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, which calls on the participating States to exchange information on the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes and to identify possible strategies to combat this threat,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 7/06 on countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, which voices the participating States' concern over continued hacker attacks and calls on them to take appropriate measures to protect vital and critical information infrastructures and networks against the threat of cyber attacks,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 9/07 which further broadened the OSCE mandate to also include combating sexual exploitation of children on the Internet,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 9/09 on combating hate crimes, which calls on the participating States among others to address the increasing use of the Internet to advocate views constituting an incitement to bias-motivated violence including hate crimes, while ensuring that any relevant measures taken are in line with OSCE commitments, in particular with regard to freedom of expression,

Recalling Forum for Security Co-operation Decision No. 10/08 on an OSCE Workshop on a Comprehensive OSCE Approach to Enhancing Cyber Security and acknowledging the outcomes of this event including recommendations and suggestions circulated under FSC.DEL/92/09,

Recalling discussions on the issue of cyber security in the framework of the Corfu Process,

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/09 which underscored the willingness of participating States to address cyber security as a transnational threat and challenge to security and stability and taking note of the Report by the OSCE Secretary General on the Implementation of MC.DEC/2/09 on Further OSCE Efforts to Address Transnational Threats

and Challenges to Security (SEC.GAL/107/10) which showcased options for a more active role of the Organization in comprehensively enhancing cyber security,

Recalling presentations and discussions at the 45th joint FSC-PC session on 2 June 2010, which considered, *inter alia*, the potential role of the OSCE as a platform for exchanging national views on norms pertaining to the behaviour of States in cyberspace,

Taking account of efforts, initiatives and instruments by other regional and international entities active in areas related to cyber security – in particular at the United Nations level – and wishing to complement, promote and enhance existing efforts, as appropriate, while avoiding unnecessary duplication,

Having regard to continuing interest by the United Nations, notably in a report in 2010 on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security (A/65/201) by a Group of Government Experts established pursuant to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 60/45,

Recognizing that threats emanating from cyberspace and measures to enhance cyber security are among the pressing security concerns of participating States,

Noting with concern that threats emanating from cyberspace are constantly evolving and rapidly increasing,

Recognizing that in order to remain relevant to the needs and interests of the participating States, OSCE activities that tackle threats emanating from cyberspace need to evolve in line with the threat and noting pertinent OSCE-wide, regional and national awareness raising and capacity-building activities organized by a number of OSCE structures,

Recognizing that interrelationships among the various aspects of contemporary threats emanating from cyberspace require a comprehensive approach to cyber security,

Reaffirming that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law is at the core of the OSCE's comprehensive concept of security, and that efforts to enhance cyber security shall fully respect fundamental freedoms such as freedom of opinion and freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive and impart information, which are vital to democracy and in fact are strengthened by the Internet and the rule of law,

Reaffirming that the OSCE can act as a platform for co-operative security dialogue among participating States as well as regional and international entities active in the thematic area, including exchange of views on norms and behaviour of States,

Tasks the Secretary General to organize an OSCE Conference on a Comprehensive Approach to Cyber Security: Exploring the Future OSCE Role, to be held on 9 and 10 May 2011, in Vienna, with the participation of relevant international entities and private sector representatives, and in line with the outline description annexed to this decision;

Invites the participating States to consider providing extrabudgetary contributions for the above-mentioned event.

OSCE CONFERENCE ON A
COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY:
EXPLORING THE FUTURE OSCE ROLE

Vienna, 9 and 10 May 2011

The OSCE Conference on a Comprehensive Approach to Cyber Security: Exploring the Future OSCE Role, will study the potential way forward in this thematic area.

The event will be conducted in two parts:

Part 1 of the conference will showcase and raise awareness of various threats to cyber security related to (a) the politico-military domain, including critical infrastructures and the nature and possible extent of norms of behaviour in cyberspace; and (b) cybercrime and terrorist use of the Internet, highlighting potential countermeasures, lessons learned and national best practices, also with regard to investigation and prosecution, the development of public-private partnerships and effective involvement of civil society.

Part 2 of the event will then focus on potential responses to cyber threats and consideration for developing norms of State behaviour that can contribute to cyber security as well as measures that can reduce misperception and risk, including confidence-building, relevant human rights considerations, stability and risk-reduction measures, information exchanges, for example on pertinent legal frameworks, and will, in particular, highlight developments and initiatives at the global and regional level, especially the roles of other regional organizations in this area.

The closing session will look forward to the potential future role of the OSCE and, specifically, whether and how initiatives on the global and regional level might be further enhanced by the OSCE, including through capacity-building measures, and which potential gaps OSCE initiatives might fill, also in light of recommendations made by the pertinent United Nations Group of Governmental Experts[1].

Overall, the conference will be conducted with a view to:

– Highlighting the impact on security in the OSCE region of various forms and techniques of misusing cyberspace, the different perpetrators and targets, and relevant countermeasures and responses in particular from international and regional organizations;

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1 Report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security (A/65/201).

–   Exploring the potential for the OSCE to add value to existing efforts through a
     comprehensive approach to cyber security including the exchange of views at national
     level and potentially developing norms relevant to the behaviour of States in
     cyberspace;

–   Providing a basis for determining the future role of the Organization in this thematic
     area and how, in general, the OSCE profile could potentially be sharpened building
     on the discussions, recommendations and outcomes of previous OSCE meetings;

–   Examining the steps that may need to be taken both on an organizational level and
     with regard to the political framework, and if initiatives at the global and regional
     level could be further enhanced by building on the OSCE's strengths related to
     confidence-building, sharing lessons learned, capacity-building and promoting best
     practices – possibly through the development of a strategic OSCE document.

     The OSCE Secretariat will prepare a follow-up report, outlining concrete suggestions
and recommendations made at the event regarding a future role for the OSCE in the area of
comprehensively enhancing cyber security and for potential follow-up activities by the
relevant OSCE structures as a complement to international efforts in this area.

DECISION No. 992
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES FOR THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY: EXPLORING THE FUTURE OSCE ROLE

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 991,

Decides to organize the OSCE Conference on a Comprehensive Approach to Cyber Security: Exploring the Future OSCE Role in accordance with the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities annexed to this decision.

OSCE CONFERENCE ON
A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY:
EXPLORING THE FUTURE OSCE ROLE

I. Agenda and indicative timetable

Monday, 9 May 2011

10–10.45 a.m.   Opening session

      –   Opening remarks by the OSCE Chairmanship
      –   Opening address by the OSCE Secretary General

10.45–11 a.m.   Coffee break

11 a.m.–1 p.m.   Working session 1: The politico-military dimension

      –   Introduction by session moderator
      –   Exchange of national views on developing norms of State behaviour in cyberspace to respond to threats relevant to the politico-military domain including those to critical infrastructures
      –   Discussion
      –   Moderator's closing remarks

1–3 p.m.   Lunch break

3–5 p.m.   Working session 2: Cybercrime and terrorist use of the Internet

      –   Introduction by session moderator
      –   Developing potential countermeasures to threats emanating from cybercrime and terrorist use of the Internet
      –   Discussion
      –   Moderator's closing remarks

5–7 p.m.   Networking reception

Tuesday, 10 May 2011

10 a.m.–12 noon   Working session 3: Global responses

                       –   Introduction by session moderator
                       –   Global developments in the area of cyber security including
                               initiatives and statutes related to the pertinent international
                               legal framework and international co-operation
                       –   Discussion
                       –   Moderator's closing remarks

12 noon–2 p.m.   Lunch break

2–4 p.m.   Working session 4: Regional responses

                       –   Introduction by session moderator
                       –   The role and initiatives of regional organizations, especially
                               with regard to how they relate to pertinent international
                               developments
                       –   Discussion
                       –   Moderator's closing remarks

4–4.30 p.m.   Coffee break

4.30–6 p.m.   Closing session: The potential role of the OSCE

                       –   Summary of pertinent Conference findings and suggestions
                       –   The potential future role of the OSCE and in particular how and
                               if initiatives on the global and regional level might be further
                               enhanced by the OSCE in all three dimensions including
                               exploring the possible need to develop a strategic OSCE
                               document that complements existing efforts
                       –   Discussion
                       –   Closing remarks

II. Organizational modalities

Organization

        The OSCE Conference on a Comprehensive Approach to Cyber Security: Exploring
the Future OSCE Role will take place on 9 and 10 May 2011 (2 full days) in the Hofburg,
Vienna.

        Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be followed,
mutatis mutandis, at this meeting.

Simultaneous interpretation from and into all six working languages of the OSCE will be provided at the opening, working and closing sessions.

Each working session will have a moderator, who will briefly introduce the session topic and provide concise closing remarks focusing on recommendations and suggestions for concrete follow-up action.

Each working session will have three presenters. Presenters and moderators will be selected by the OSCE Chairmanship. Suitable nominations are to be submitted to the Conference co-ordinators as soon as possible.

The OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) will act as rapporteur for all sessions and will prepare a follow-up report, outlining concrete suggestions and recommendations made at the event regarding a possible future role for the OSCE in the area of comprehensively enhancing cyber security and for concrete and co-ordinated follow-up activities by relevant OSCE structures. This report will be provided to the Security Committee not later than 27 June 2011.

The Press and Public Information Section (PPIS) will inform the press, as appropriate, including through a press release to be issued at the start of the Conference. The opening session of the Conference will be open to the media.

Under the overall guidance of the Chairmanship, the ATU will be tasked to act as Conference co-ordinator, be entrusted with the pertinent logistical arrangements and act as the project focal point in the OSCE Secretariat – co-ordinating closely with other relevant structures and, in particular, Conference Services.

III. Participation

The Conference is targeted at key political decision makers of national authorities tasked with cyber security. Participating States are encouraged to ensure the participation of such officials as the main Conference participant(s). To aid these political decision makers with any complex and technical issues that may arise during discussions, participating States are encouraged to also nominate technical experts to advise political decision makers throughout the Conference. Given the focus on a comprehensive approach to cyber security, national delegations could also include members of computer emergency response teams (CERTs); the private sector, in particular computer and Internet-related companies; academia as well as think tanks; the legal community and civil society.

The OSCE institutions will be invited to participate in the Conference. The Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation will also be invited to participate.

Other relevant international and regional organizations involved in cyber security related activities will also be invited.

The deadline for registration will be 22 April 2011.

General guidelines for participants

This Conference will be conducted in four working sessions (2 days).

The working sessions will concentrate on the information presented by the speakers. Each presentation will be followed by a discussion of any number of relevant subtopics that delegates may wish to raise.

To promote interactive discussion, delegations are requested to provide formal statements in writing only. Delegations are requested to limit the length of their oral statements to five minutes. They will follow the moderator's set guidelines.

Guidelines for presenters

To facilitate discussion within time constraints, presentations will be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes. The moderators will enforce a strict time limit.

In their contributions, presenters will set the scene for the discussion in the sessions and stimulate debate among participants by raising appropriate issues and recommending concrete follow-up measures. Speakers will limit their presentations to substantive issues only. They will not introduce at length the entities they represent – moderators will enforce this point rigorously. Moreover, speakers will be present during the entire session in which they present and will be ready to engage in the debate following their presentations.

Guidelines for moderators

A moderator will chair each session and will facilitate and focus dialogue among the participants. The moderator will briefly introduce the session topic and provide concise closing remarks focusing on recommendations and suggestions for concrete follow-up action.

Moderators will also strictly enforce time limits and will ensure that speakers limit their presentations to substantive issues only.

Outside of their introductory remarks, moderators will not advance personal views.

Guidelines for submitting and distributing written contributions

Overall, prior circulation of briefings, overviews or statements is encouraged.

Presenters should submit their written contributions to the Conference co-ordinators no later than 2 May 2011.

Participants are invited to submit any written contributions they may have no later than 2 May 2011.

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DECISION No. 993
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2011 OSCE-MONGOLIA CONFERENCE ON ENHANCING OSCE CO-OPERATION WITH THE ASIAN PARTNERS IN ADDRESSING COMMON CHALLENGES THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SECURITY

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 23 and 24 May 2011

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion within the framework of the Contact Group with the Partners for Co-operation in Asia,

Welcoming the offer by Mongolia to host the annual Conference with the Asian Partners for Co-operation;

Decides to hold the 2011 OSCE-Mongolia Conference on enhancing OSCE co-operation with the Asian Partners in addressing common challenges through a comprehensive approach to security;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference as contained in the annex.

AGENDA TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2011 OSCE-MONGOLIA CONFERENCE ON ENHANCING OSCE CO-OPERATION WITH THE ASIAN PARTNERS IN ADDRESSING COMMON CHALLENGES THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SECURITY

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 23 and 24 May 2011

Co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia
and
the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

I. Agenda

Monday, 23 May 2011

8.30–9.15 a.m.   Registration of participants

9.15–10 a.m.   Opening session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office or representative of the host country

– Representative of the host country
– Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
– Representative of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation
– Secretary General of the OSCE

10–10.30 a.m.   Coffee break

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.   Session 1: Strengthening synergies in responding to transnational threats

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

– Enhancing co-operation in addressing transnational threats, in particular combating illicit trafficking in drugs, with special focus on Afghanistan;

– Strengthening multilateral security co-operation including military transparency in East Asia.

Speakers
Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

1–3 p.m.   Lunch

3–5.30 p.m.   Session 2: Intensifying international economic co-operation, in particular on transport and energy security

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

– The OSCE contribution to enhancing energy security;

– Enhancing transit co-operation, in particular with regard to customs and cross-border operations as a means for promoting secure borders and economic development.

Speakers
Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

Tuesday, 24 May 2011

9.30–11.30 a.m.   Session 3: The role of human rights, fundamental freedoms and rule of law in promoting comprehensive security

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

– Exchange of experience in the promotion of democratic governance;

– Sharing best practices on promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Speakers
Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

11.30 a.m.–12 noon   Coffee break

12 noon– 1.30 p.m.   Closing session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office

Discussion and assessment of the OSCE Asian dialogue

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country

Concluding statement by a representative the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation

1.30 p.m.   End of Conference

II. Participation

The OSCE participating States are invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE executive structures and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Community of Democracies, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, Eurasian Economic Community, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of the Red Cross, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic

Co-operation and Development, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Shanghai Co-operation Organization, United Nations, United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, World Customs Organization and the World Bank.

Representatives of the members of the ARF may attend as guests of the host country. Other countries and organizations may also be invited by the host country.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

III. Timetable and other organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening session) on 23 May 2011 and end at 1:30 p.m. on 24 May 2011.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and a representative of the host country.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council.

Rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The opening and closing sessions will be open to the media.

The Conference will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The working language will be English.

DECISION No. 994
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2011 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR

Warsaw, 18–20 May 2011

The Role of Political Parties in the Political Process

I. Agenda

1.   Opening of the Seminar

2.   Opening plenary: keynote addresses

3.   Discussion in four working groups

4.   Closing plenary: summing up and closing of the Seminar

II. Timetable and other organizational modalities

1.   The Seminar will open on Wednesday, 18 May 2011 at 10 a.m. It will close on Friday, 20 May 2011 at 6 p.m.

2.   All plenary sessions and working group sessions will be open to all participants.

3.   The closing plenary session, scheduled for the afternoon of 20 May 2011, will focus on practical suggestions and recommendations for addressing the issues discussed during the working group sessions.

4.   The plenary and working group sessions will take place in accordance with the work programme below.

5.   A representative of the ODIHR will chair the plenary sessions.

6.   The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE and the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues (Permanent Council Decision No. 476) will be followed,

mutatis mutandis, at the Seminar. Furthermore, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.

7.   The discussions during the plenary and working group sessions will be interpreted from and into the six working languages of the OSCE.

Working group I: Political parties and the OSCE commitments

–   The central role of political parties in democracy, in promoting the collective exercise of rights to free association and expression and in facilitating political participation;

–   OSCE commitments on political parties, in particular, but not only, regarding the right to establish political parties and organizations;

–   Challenges to the implementation of OSCE commitments on political parties in participating States.

Working group II: Equal participation of women and men in political parties

–   The role of political parties in providing equal access for both women and men to political life and to their participation therein;

–   Increasing women's participation and representation through political party systems;

–   Good practices, including measures and incentives both legal and voluntary, in promoting women's participation in political parties;

–   Good practices in encouraging women to enter political life through political parties.

Working group III: Regulations regarding political parties in national legislation

–   Parties as unique and vital elements in the electoral process and democratic governance, and the regulation of parties;

–   National legal and regulatory frameworks on political parties and their impact on pluralism, equal representation, participation and transparency;

–   Good practices in the regulation of political parties, including issues such as financing, registration, membership and territorial requirements.

Working group IV: E-democracy: increasing participation and representation

–   New tools for citizen input into legislative and policy-making processes;

–   E-tools for increasing internal party democracy;

–   Impact of e-democracy on political campaigning;

–   Strengthening transparency and accountability through e-tools;

–   Increasing participation and visibility through e-tools.

Work programme

Working hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
                      3–6 p.m.

	Wednesday 18 May 2011	**Thursday 19 May 2011**	**Friday 20 May 2011**
Morning	Opening plenary	Working group II	Working group IV
Afternoon	Working group I	Working group III	Closing plenary

856th Plenary Meeting
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DECISION No. 995
DATES, AGENDA, MANDATE AND MODALITIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

The Permanent Council,

Reiterating that the economic and environmental dimension is an integral part of the OSCE concept of comprehensive, co-operative and indivisible security,

Determined to further develop mutually beneficial co-operation aimed at addressing the impact on security of economic and environmental challenges in the region, as stipulated in the Astana Commemorative Declaration adopted at the Astana Summit, 2010,

Recalling the Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, adopted at the Eleventh Meeting of the Ministerial Council, in Maastricht in 2003, as well as other OSCE decisions relevant to the economic and environmental dimension,

Further to Decision No. 4/09, adopted at the Seventeenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council, in Athens, on Future Orientation of the Economic and Environmental Dimension, and Permanent Council Decision No. 958 on Strengthening and Improving the Effectiveness of Work in the Economic and Environmental Dimension,

Taking into account the discussions at the OSCE Review Conference in 2010, and further preparatory work conducted in the run up to the OSCE Astana Summit, 2010,

Reaffirming that the Economic and Environmental Forum remains the main annual event in the OSCE economic and environmental dimension,

Aiming to improve the implementation of commitments as well as the effectiveness of work in the economic and environmental dimension,

Mindful of the importance of continuity in the work of the OSCE within the economic and environmental dimension,

Decides to convene the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting from 17 to 19 October 2011, in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda contained in the annex to this decision.

Mandate

The Meeting will provide a framework for enhancing dialogue and co-operation on key thematic areas within the economic and environmental dimension throughout the year, in particular to:

–   Review implementation of decisions and commitments in the economic and environmental dimension;

–   Contribute to setting out the future work in the economic and environmental dimension;

–   Discuss aspects of regional and subregional co-operation, where the appropriate conditions exist;

–   Exchange experiences and best practices;

–   Strengthen co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations and institutions, as well as with academia and civil society;

–   Discuss the activities of the OCEEA and other OSCE structures relevant to the economic and environmental dimension, including through presentations of activities by the field presences;

–   Contribute to preparations for Ministerial Council meeting;

–   Further enhance interactions and co-ordination between delegations, the Secretariat, and economic and environmental officers from the OSCE field operations;

–   Discuss outcomes of and follow-up to the Economic and Environmental Forum.

The Meeting will complement the Economic and Environmental Forum process. The discussions of the Meeting should benefit from cross-dimensional input provided by OSCE structures and by relevant meetings and deliberations in various other international organizations and fora.

Modalities

The participating States are encouraged to be represented at a high level, by senior officials responsible for shaping international economic and environmental policy in the OSCE area.

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Partners for Co-operation are invited to participate and make both oral and written contributions.

Relevant international and regional organizations and institutions will be invited to participate.

Regional groupings, expert academics and business representatives may also be invited, as appropriate, to participate.

Subject to the provisions contained in Chapter IV, paragraphs 15 and 16, of the Helsinki Document 1992, the representatives of non-governmental organizations with relevant experience in the area under discussion are also invited to participate in the Meeting.

The rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied to the Meeting.

The Permanent Council, taking into account the experience gained, will decide by the end of 2011 on the continuation of organizing Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meetings in the future.

AGENDA OF THE 2011 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Vienna, 17 to 19 October 2011

Monday, 17 October 2011

10–11 a.m.	Opening remarks
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Session 1: Follow-up to the Nineteenth Economic and Environmental Forum devoted to the promotion of common actions and co-operation in the OSCE area in the fields of development of sustainable energy and transport
3–6 p.m.	Session 2: Follow-up to the ideas and proposals relevant to the EED put forward in the preparation for the Astana Summit and within the framework of the "V to V Dialogue"

Tuesday, 18 October 2011

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Session 3: Discussion on the implementation of decisions and commitments in the economic and environmental dimension, with a focus on the thematic work of the Economic and Environmental Committee throughout the year 2011, *inter alia,* in the areas of good governance, fighting corruption, money-laundering and financing of terrorism; energy security; modernization of economies; and environment and security
3–6 p.m.	Session 4: Presentation of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) and field presences activities in the Economic and Environmental Dimension, including co-operation with relevant international and regional organizations, as well as outcomes of the OSCE chairing of the Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative

Wednesday, 19 October 2011

10 a.m.–12 noon	Concluding session: The way forward and recommendations for future actions
12 noon–1 p.m.	Closing session