

Chairmanship: Switzerland

1006th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 3 July 2014

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 12.45 p.m.
Resumed: 3.10 p.m.
Closed: 5.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger
Mr. G. Scheurer
Ms. A. Rauber Saxer

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Mr. Michael Georg Link.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,
MS. NAVI PILLAY

Chairperson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (PC.DEL/777/14), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/795/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/779/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/810/14), Canada (PC.DEL/799/14 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/818/14), Ukraine (PC.DEL/805/14 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/819/14), Georgia (PC.DEL/804/14 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/801/14 OSCE+), Armenia, Holy See, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 2: PRESENTATION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2004 OSCE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.DOC/1/14), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/796/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/780/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/811/14), Turkey (PC.DEL/786/14 OSCE+), Canada, Norway (PC.DEL/820/14), Finland (PC.DEL/788/14 OSCE+), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 3: FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 AND THE
REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Discussion under agenda item 4

Agenda item 4: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, OSCE External Auditor, Chairperson of the Audit Committee (CIO.GAL/101/14 Restr.), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/792/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/781/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/812/14)

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2013 AND THE REPORT OF THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1126 (PC.DEC/1126) on the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 and the Report of the External Auditor, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Ongoing violations of OSCE principles and commitments by the Russian Federation and the situation in Ukraine*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/110/14 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/787/14 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/782/14), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/791/14), Canada (PC.DEL/800/14 OSCE+), Turkey, Germany (also on behalf of France) (PC.DEL/822/14 OSCE+)
- (b) *Situation in Ukraine and the ongoing violations of the norms of international humanitarian law in the course of the punitive operations in south-eastern Ukraine*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/789/14), United Kingdom, Ukraine
- (c) *Release of human rights defender Mr. A. Bialiatski in Belarus*: Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/794/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/785/14), Belarus, Russian Federation
- (d) *Legislative developments in Kazakhstan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/783/14), Kazakhstan
- (e) *Twenty-eighth round of the Geneva International Discussions, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 17 and 18 June 2014*: Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/793/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/814/14), Georgia (PC.DEL/803/14 OSCE+)
- (f) *United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, observed on 26 June 2014*: Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/790/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/813/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/784/14), Turkey, Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *2014 Annual Security Review Conference, held in Vienna from 24 to 26 June 2014: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/109/14)*
- (b) *Meeting of the Model OSCE, to be held in Belgrade from 8 to 10 July 2014: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/109/14)*

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Update on the activities of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/112/14 OSCE+)*
- (b) *2014 OSCE Security Days conference on “Enhancing security through water diplomacy: The role of the OSCE”, to be held in Vienna on 8 July 2014: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/112/14 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Meeting between the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Spain, held in Madrid on 24 June 2014: Spain (Annex), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/798/14 OSCE+)*
- (b) *Signing of association agreements between the European Union and, respectively, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, on 27 June 2014: Ukraine (PC.DEL/806/14 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/802/14 OSCE+), Moldova (PC.DEL/809/14), Italy-European Union, Turkey*
- (c) *Seventieth anniversary of the liberation of Belarus: Belarus (PC.DEL/807/14)*
- (d) *International Conference on Migration and Statelessness, held in Ashgabat on 23 and 24 June 2014: Turkmenistan*
- (e) *23rd Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Baku from 28 June to 2 July 2014: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairperson*
- (f) *Commemoration event to mark the twentieth anniversary of the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, to be held on 8 July 2014: Austria*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 10 July 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

Mr. Chairperson,

The delegation of Spain would like to inform the Permanent Council that the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Mr. José Manuel García-Margallo, received the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Valentin Inzko, who is the executive authority in the country and responsible for overseeing compliance with the mandates of the Dayton Peace Accords, on 24 June at the Palacio de Santa Cruz. It was their first meeting and the first official visit to Spain by the High Representative.

The Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina on Protecting the Interests of the High Representative, his Office and Personnel was signed at the meeting. This important agreement renews the commitment made by Spain to peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The agreement ensures respect for the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the High Representative, his Office, personnel and archives, when the Office closes, pursuant to the provisions of Annex 10 of the Dayton Peace Accords.

At the meeting, the High Representative and the Spanish minister reviewed the main socio-economic and political issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mr. García-Margallo highlighted how Spain has been present in the country since the start of the conflict, through both the deployment of troops to return peace to the region and through active collaboration in rebuilding and stabilizing the country.

Spain, said Mr. García-Margallo, welcomed the efforts being made by the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Spanish minister also reminded Mr. Inzko that he could continue to count on Spain's support in tackling the significant structural reforms that the country still needed to undertake in order to achieve complete stability.

Mr. Chairperson,

The High Representative took the opportunity to underline the recognition and gratitude of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Spain's involvement and efforts in the country. In fact, the main square in Mostar is called "Spanish Square" and is home to a

monument in tribute to 22 Spanish soldiers who lost their lives in that location while on active duty.

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

Thank you.

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**DECISION No. 1126
FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 AND
THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations, particularly Regulations 7.05 and 8.06(e), as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996 (DOC.PC/1/96), as well as Step 5(b) of PC Decision No. 553 on the OSCE's Unified Budget Process,

Reiterating the importance of full transparency and accountability in the functioning of the OSCE, and welcoming the completion of adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the Secretariat,

Taking note of the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 and the Report of the External Auditor (PC.ACMF/21/14 of 19 June 2014),

Expressing its gratitude to the External Auditor, the Federal Court of Auditors of Germany, for the work done,

Taking note of the Unmodified Audit Opinion on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013,

1. Accepts the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013;
2. Requests the Secretary General to establish and submit to the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance not later than 31 October 2014 a work plan for follow-up to the recommendations of the External Auditor as reflected in its Report for 2013. Further requests the Secretary General to inform the Permanent Council through the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance about the implementation of this plan on a regular basis, taking into account guidance from the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance.