
Chairmanship: Greece**772nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 3 September 2009

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 1.25 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 France to the OSCE, Ambassador François Alabrune, the new Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the OSCE, Ambassador Veronika Kuchyňová Šmigolová, the new Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OSCE, Ambassador Marcel Peško, and the new Ambassador of Thailand to Austria, Ambassador Nongnuth Phetcharatana. The Chairperson also welcomed the new *Chargé d'Affaires* of the United States Mission to the OSCE, Ms. Carol S. Fuller.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, and the Russian Federation expressed condolences on the death of Ambassador Jivan Tabibian, former Permanent Representative of Armenia to the OSCE, and on the death of Mr. Czesław Bielawski, a staff member of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, and the Russian Federation also commemorated the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attack in Beslan, Russian Federation. The Council then observed a minute of silence.

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE CENTRE IN ASHGABAT

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat (PC.FR/17/09 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 Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European

Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/676/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/699/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/689/09), Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/698/09 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REPORT OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE FOR ARTICLE IV OF THE DAYTON PEACE ACCORDS, BRIGADIER GENERAL C. PERIOTTO

Chairperson, Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for Article IV of the Dayton Peace Accords (CIO.GAL/106/09 OSCE+), Serbia (also on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro) (PC.DEL/696/09), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/677/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/682/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/690/09)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Recent developments in Georgia*: 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 and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/678/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/691/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/684/09), Georgia, Chairperson
- (b) *Freedom of the media in Uzbekistan*: 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; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/679/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/694/09), Uzbekistan
- (c) *Freedom of the media 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 and Montenegro; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/680/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/692/09), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/702/09)
- (d) *Violence against journalists and defenders of human rights in the Russian Federation*: Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries

Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/681/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/693/09), Norway (PC.DEL/683/09), Canada (PC.DEL/687/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/688/09), Chairperson

- (e) *Elections to the European Parliament, held between 4 and 7 June 2009:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/701/09), Chairperson, Sweden-European Union
- (f) *Preliminary findings and conclusions of the OSCE election observation mission on the presidential elections in Kyrgyzstan, held on 23 July 2009:* Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/685/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/700/09), Belarus (PC.DEL/697/09 OSCE+)
- (g) *Presidential and provincial elections in Afghanistan, held on 20 August 2009:* Canada (PC.DEL/686/09)

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office:* Chairperson
- (b) *Statement by the Chairperson-in-Office on the normalization of relations between Armenia and Turkey (SEC.PR/370/09):* Chairperson
- (c) *Renewal of the appointment of the Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan (CIO.GAL/109/09 OSCE+):* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Ninth Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons Conference, to be held in Vienna on 14 and 15 September 2009: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/136/09 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

4. Next meeting:

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