

Chairmanship: Greece

773rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 10 September 2009

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 11.30 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M. Marinaki

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences on the boat accident at Lake Ohrid, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on 5 September 2009; the helicopter crash in Kazakhstan on 8 September 2009; and the recent flooding in Istanbul, Turkey.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, also commemorated the forthcoming eighth anniversary of the 11 September acts of terrorism in New York City and Washington, D.C.

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2009 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 899 (PC.DEC/899), the text of which is appended to this journal, on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2009 OSCE Mediterranean Conference.

Kazakhstan, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/18/09 OSCE+), 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 countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/706/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/707/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/709/09 OSCE+), Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Serbia (PC.DEL/710/09)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Case of Mr. E. Zhovtis 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, 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/714/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/712/09), Kazakhstan, Chairperson*
- (b) *Adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of a resolution on the status of internally displaced persons and refugees from Abkhazia, Georgia, and the Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia, Georgia, on 9 September 2009: Georgia, Russian Federation, Chairperson*
- (c) *Adoption by the National Assembly of Serbia of a new law on national minority councils, on 31 August 2009: Serbia (PC.DEL/711/09)*
- (d) *Appointment of Ambassador R. Bradtke (United States of America) as Co-Chairman of the OSCE Minsk Group: United States of America (PC.DEL/708/09)*

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

- (a) *Visit to the South Caucasus by the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office, Ambassador C. Christopoulos, and the European Union and United Nations co-chairmen of the Geneva Discussions: Chairperson*
- (b) *Seventh round of the Geneva Discussions on security and stability in the South Caucasus, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 17 September 2009: Chairperson*
- (c) *Appointment of the new Head of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan and of the new Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia: Chairperson*
- (d) *Renewal of the appointment of the Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo: Chairperson*

- (e) *Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/116/09): Chairperson*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Status update on the OSCE project assisting the Government of Ukraine in eliminating stockpiles of melange: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/141/09 OSCE+), Ukraine

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Parliamentary elections in Greece, to be held on 4 October 2009: Greece*
- (b) *Bled Strategic Forum Conference entitled The Politics of Economic Crisis: Redefining Economic and Geopolitical Landscapes in Europe and Eurasia, held in Bled, Slovenia, on 30 and 31 August 2009: Slovenia (PC.DEL/718/09)*

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 15 September 2009, at 3 p.m., in the Ratsaal



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**DECISION No. 899
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE
2009 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE**

Cairo, Egypt, 14 and 15 December 2009

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the offer by Egypt to host the 2009 OSCE Mediterranean Conference,

Further to the discussion in the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2009 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on the topic “The Mediterranean Partners and the OSCE: Co-operation toward enhanced security and stability” in Cairo, Egypt, on 14 and 15 December 2009;

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

**AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF
THE OSCE 2009 MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON THE
MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERS AND THE OSCE: CO-OPERATION
TOWARD ENHANCED SECURITY AND STABILITY**

Cairo, Egypt, 14 and 15 December 2009

I. Indicative agenda

Monday, 14 December 2009

- 8.30–9.15 a.m. Registration of participants
- 9.15–10 a.m. Opening ceremony
- Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE
Chairperson-in-Office
- Representative of the host country
 - Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
 - Representative of the Chairmanship of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation
 - Secretary General of the OSCE
- 10–10.30 a.m. Coffee break
- 10.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m. Session 1: Politico-military aspects of security in the OSCE area and the Mediterranean
- Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation
- This session will focus on:
- Exchange of best practices on conflict prevention and resolution
- Speakers
Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

12.45–3 p.m.

Lunch

3–5.30 p.m.

Session 2: Implications of the current economic and financial crisis on migration

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation

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

This session will focus on:

- Migration policies within the context of co-operation between the OSCE and the Mediterranean Partners, including integration and development
- Dialogue on how to prevent and combat illegal migration, including through regional co-operation
- International and regional co-operation on preventing and fighting trafficking in human beings, including trafficking for forced labour
- Protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms with respect to migrants, including through combating hate crimes
- The role of migrants in promoting tolerance and non-discrimination

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

Tuesday, 15 December 2009

9.30–11.30 a.m.

Session 3: Prospects for OSCE-Mediterranean co-operation

Moderator: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation

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

This session will focus on:

- Reviewing achievements and ways to improve the dialogue and co-operation between participating States and the Mediterranean Partners, including an exchange

of views on proposals for the expansion of the
Mediterranean Partnership

- The effective follow-up of the Ministerial Declaration on the Partners for Co-operation, and the recommendations of previous Mediterranean seminars and conferences

Speakers
Discussion
Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

11.30 a.m.–12 noon

Coffee break

12 noon–1 p.m.

Concluding session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE
Chairperson-in-Office

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country

Concluding statement by a representative of the Chairmanship of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

1 p.m.

End of Conference

II. Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The following international organizations, institutions and initiatives will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference:

Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, African Development Bank, African Union, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red

Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative, South East European Co-operation Process, United Nations, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and World Bank.

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).

Other countries and organizations may be invited by the host country.

III. Organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening ceremony) on Monday, 14 December 2009, and end at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 December 2009.

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

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chairperson. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.

Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.

The working language will be English. At the request of several participating States interpretation will be provided from and into French. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

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