

Chairmanship: Lithuania**854th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 17 March 2011

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.
Resumed: 3.15 p.m.
Closed: 4.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to Japan with regard to the tragic events in that country. The Permanent Council observed a moment of silence. 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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/243/11), United States of America, Russian Federation, San Marino, Norway, Canada, Turkey, Ukraine and Kazakhstan offered condolences to Japan as well as any assistance that was needed. Japan (OSCE Partner for Co-operation) thanked the Council for the expression of solidarity.

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

Agenda item 1: **REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA**

OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/1/11/Rev.1 OSCE+), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/241/11), Switzerland (PC.DEL/253/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/249/11), Georgia

(PC.DEL/233/11 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/256/11), Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan (PC.DEL/235/11/Corr.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/231/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/236/11), Turkey, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Greece, Hungary

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR
 DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/10/11 OSCE+), 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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/240/11), Switzerland (PC.DEL/254/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/237/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/250/11), Norway (PC.DEL/234/11), Holy See (PC.DEL/238/11), Georgia (PC.DEL/232/11 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/230/11), Kazakhstan, Estonia, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Latvia

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL
 SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 989 (PC.DEC/989) on the dates of the 2011 Annual Security Review Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Recent events in Albania:* United States of America (PC.DEL/244/11), Albania (PC.DEL/248/11)
- (b) *Freedom of assembly, association and expression in Azerbaijan:* Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, in alignment) (PC.DEL/242/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/245/11), Norway (PC.DEL/257/11), Azerbaijan
- (c) *The death penalty in the United States of America:* 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European

Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/239/11), United States of America

- (d) *Situation in Belarus*: United States of America (PC.DEL/246/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/251/11)
- (e) *Case of Mr. B. Manning in the United States of America*: Belarus (PC.DEL/252/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/247/11)
- (f) *Declaration by the extraordinary European Council of 11 March 2011 on developments in Libya and the Southern neighbourhood region (SEC.DEL/98/11)*: Hungary-European Union

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Letter from the Chairperson-in-Office on the selection process for the post of OSCE Secretary General (CIO.GAL/36/11)*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/40/11)
- (b) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia, from 13 to 18 March 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/40/11)
- (c) *Visit of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism to the Netherlands from 14 to 16 March 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/40/11)
- (d) *Visit of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, Also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Other Religions, to Brussels on 16 March 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/40/11)
- (e) *High-level meeting on confronting anti-Semitism in public discourse, to be held in Prague on 23 and 24 March 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/40/11)
- (f) *Letter from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on enhancing co-operation with the OSCE*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/40/11)

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/50/11 OSCE+): Secretary General

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Exhibition on Chernobyl and Belarus: Past, Present, Future*: Belarus
- (b) *International Day of Francophonie on 20 March 2011*: Switzerland (PC.DEL/255/11)
- (c) *Selection process for the position of Secretary General*: Austria

- (d) *Recent developments on the line of contact: Azerbaijan, Armenia, France (also on behalf of the United States of America and the Russian Federation)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 24 March 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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DECISION No. 989
DATES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides that the 2011 Annual Security Review Conference will take place in Vienna from 29 June to 1 July 2011.