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**Chairmanship: Lithuania****864th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 2 June 2011

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Suspended: 1 p.m.

Resumed: 3.05 p.m.

Closed: 3.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus  
Mr. A. Krivas

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairperson-in-Office, in a letter issued on 30 May 2011 (see the annex to this journal), had announced the adoption through a silence procedure of Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/11 on the reappointment of Ambassador Janez Lenarčič as Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (see MC.DEC/1/11, the text of which is appended to this journal).

Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland)  
(interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE CENTRE IN ASTANA

Head of the OSCE Centre in Astana (PC.FR/15/11 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, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, in alignment) (PC.DEL/510/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/504/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/521/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/516/11), Turkey, Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/531/11), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU

Head of the OSCE Office in Baku (PC.FR/14/11/Corr.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 Andorra, in alignment) (PC.DEL/511/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/503/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/520/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/517/11), Turkey, Azerbaijan, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Arrest of Ratko Mladić*: Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/514/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/505/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/522/11), Canada, Croatia (PC.DEL/525/11), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/526/11), Serbia (PC.DEL/529/11)
- (b) *Demonstrations in Georgia*: 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; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/515/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/507/11), Russian Federation, Georgia (PC.DEL/532/11)
- (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 Andorra, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/513/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/509/11)
- (d) *Situation in Belarus*: 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, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the

European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/512/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/508/11), Russian Federation, Belarus (PC.DEL/518/11)

- (e) *Freedom of assembly in the Russian Federation and in the United States of America*: United States of America (PC.DEL/506/11) (PC.DEL/528/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/524/11) (PC.DEL/523/11)
- (f) *Small arms and light weapons and human security*: Belarus (PC.DEL/519/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/527/11)
- (g) *The rule of law in Sweden*: Sweden (PC.DEL/530/11)

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

- (a) *Statement welcoming the release of the journalist Eynulla Fatullayev in Azerbaijan, made by the Chairperson-in-Office and the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/107/11)
- (b) *Statement by the Chairperson-in-Office commending the amnesty in Armenia*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/107/11)
- (c) *Visits of the Chairperson-in-Office to Uzbekistan on 1 June 2011 and Turkmenistan on 2 June 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/107/11)
- (d) *Visit of the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, Ms. Asta Skaisgirytė-Liauškienė, to Egypt on 1 and 2 June 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/107/11)
- (e) *Special thematic event on internally displaced persons and refugees, held in Vienna on 27 May 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/107/11)
- (f) *Workshop on economic and environmental activities as confidence-building measures, held in Vienna on 30 May 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/107/11)
- (g) *Seminar on Applied Issues in International Land Boundary Delimitation/Demarcation Practices, held in Vilnius on 31 May and 1 June 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/107/11)
- (h) *Annual meeting of national focal points on border security and management, held in Vilnius on 2 and 3 June 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/107/11)
- (i) *Selection process for the position of Secretary General*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/107/11)

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/93/11/Corr.1 OSCE+): Secretary General*
- (b) *Commencement of duties by Ambassador Adam Kobieracki as Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre: Secretary General*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Joint statement by the Presidents of the countries of the Co-Chairmen of the OSCE Minsk Group at the G-8 Summit (SEC.PR/179/11): France (also on behalf of the Russian Federation and the United States of America), Azerbaijan, Armenia*
- (b) *Matters of protocol: Italy*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 9 June 2011, at 9.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **LETTER OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE**

Vilnius, 30 May 2011

Dear colleague,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the draft Ministerial Council decision on the reappointment of Ambassador Janez Lenarčič as Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (MC.DD/1/11/Rev.1), expiring on 30 May 2011 at 12 noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Eighteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council on 2 June 2011.

Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to duly register an interpretative statement or a formal reservation under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the above-mentioned meeting of the Permanent Council.

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Audronius Ažubalis  
Chairperson-in-Office  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

To the Ministers for Foreign Affairs  
of the OSCE participating States



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe  
Ministerial Council**

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**DECISION No. 1/11  
REAPPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR JANEZ LENARČIČ AS  
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS  
AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling the 1990 Charter of Paris and the decision of the Ministerial Council taken at its second meeting in Prague in 1992 concerning the development of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR),

Noting that the term of office of the current Director of the ODIHR, Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, will expire on 30 June 2011,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Permanent Council,

Decides to reappoint Ambassador Janez Lenarčič as Director of the ODIHR exceptionally for a period of three years with effect from 1 July 2011. This exception should not be construed as a change of the rules regarding the appointment of the Director of the ODIHR.

MC.DEC/1/11  
30 May 2011  
Attachment

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**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER  
PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND  
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

By the delegation of Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland):

“Mr. Chairperson,

I am honoured today to take the floor on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Canada on this very important issue and bring to your attention this interpretative statement.

Mr. Chairperson,

By exceptionally accepting in this case to make a reference to the 1990 Charter of Paris and the wording ‘reappointment’ instead of ‘extension’ as would have been the more appropriate word, we firmly underline that this does not mean consenting to any interpretation that would put in doubt the validity either of previous or future extensions of the terms of the heads of institutions.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”