

**Chairmanship: Ireland**

**899th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 26 January 2012  
  
Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Closed: 11.40 a.m.
  
2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O’Leary
  
3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:  
  
Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES
  - (a) *Meeting of the Presidents of Armenia, Azerbaijan and the Russian Federation in Sochi, Russian Federation, on 23 January 2012*: Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/52/12), France (PC.DEL/64/12), Azerbaijan, Armenia, Chairperson
  - (b) *Verdict in the case of the murder of the journalist Mr. H. Dink*: Armenia (PC.DEL/66/12), Turkey
  - (c) *Arrest of opposition party members and a journalist in Kazakhstan*: Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries 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/62/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/55/12), Canada, Kazakhstan
  - (d) *The case of Mr. A. Byalyatski in Belarus*: Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; as well as the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/61/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/53/12), Norway (also on behalf of

Canada) (PC.DEL/57/12), Russian Federation, Belarus (PC.DEL/65/12),  
Chairperson

Agenda item 2:           REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
                                  CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a)   *Forthcoming meeting of the Chairperson-in-Office with the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in Dublin on 1 February 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/9/12)*
- (b)   *Forthcoming address by the Chairperson-in-Office at the United Nations Security Council, to be delivered on 9 February 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/9/12)*
- (c)   *Forthcoming address by the Chairperson-in-Office at the United States Helsinki Commission, to be delivered on 8 February 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/9/12)*
- (d)   *Address by the Head of the OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office Task Force, Dublin, Mr. F. Cogan, at the External Relations Committee of the Council of Europe, delivered in Strasbourg on 19 January 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/9/12)*
- (e)   *Forthcoming visit by the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian settlement process, Mr. E. Fouéré, to Chisinau and Tiraspol: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/9/12)*
- (f)   *Visit by the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus, Mr. P. Murphy, to Georgia from 22 to 24 January 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/9/12)*
- (g)   *Meeting of the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism of the Geneva Discussions, held in Dvani, Georgia, on 24 January 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/9/12)*
- (h)   *Meeting of the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions, Ms. C. McGuinness; the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism, Mr. A. Baker; and the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims, Mr. A. Akhmetov, with representatives of the OSCE Chairmanship, the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, in Vienna: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/9/12)*
- (i)   *Forthcoming visits of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues, Ms. J. Zeitlin, to Vienna and Warsaw: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/9/12)*

Agenda item 3: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit by the Secretary General to Geneva, Switzerland, on 19 and 20 January 2012: Secretary General*
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel, Mr. A. Liberman, held in Vienna on 23 January 2012: Secretary General*
- (c) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Secretary General of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr. S. Oliver, held in Copenhagen on 24 January 2012: Secretary General*

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *International Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27 January 2012: Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/63/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/54/12), Canada (PC.DEL/58/12), Holy See (PC.DEL/56/12), Turkey (PC.DEL/60/12), Ukraine, Israel (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/51/12), Chairperson*
- (b) *Fifth Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA V), to be held in Dushanbe on 26 and 27 March 2012: Tajikistan (PC.DEL/59/12 OSCE+)*
- (c) *The National Programme for Action to Raise Effectiveness of the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms in the Republic of Azerbaijan, signed by the President of Azerbaijan, Mr. I. Aliyev, on 27 December 2011: Azerbaijan*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 2 February 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal