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**Chairmanship: Ireland****909th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 26 April 2012

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 11.20 a.m.  
Resumed: 3.10 p.m.  
Closed: 3.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. B. Ward  
Ms. M. Feeney

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE CENTRE IN ASHGABAT

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat (PC.FR/7/12 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/374/12 OSCE+), Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; 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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/369/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/365/12), Turkey (PC.DEL/373/12), Turkmenistan (PC.DEL/376/12 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON DEVELOPMENT OF  
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES TO REDUCE THE  
RISKS OF CONFLICT STEMMING FROM THE USE OF  
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION  
TECHNOLOGIES

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1039 (PC.DEC/1039) on the development of confidence-building measures to reduce the risks of conflict stemming from the use of information and communication technologies, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Safety of journalists in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan:* Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/370/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/367/12), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/377/12), Azerbaijan
- (b) *Case of the journalist Ms. E. Bondar in Uzbekistan:* Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; 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, in alignment) (PC.DEL/371/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/366/12), Uzbekistan
- (c) *Case of Mr. V. Ivashchenko in Ukraine:* Canada, Ukraine
- (d) *Case of Ms. Y. Tymoshenko in Ukraine:* Denmark-European Union (PC.DEL/368/12), Ukraine
- (e) *Serbian presidential and parliamentary elections in Kosovo:* Chairperson, Denmark-European Union (PC.DEL/372/12), United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/375/12), Serbia

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

- (a) *The OSCE Chairmanship conference Shared Future: Building and Sustaining Peace, the Northern Ireland Case Study, to be held in Dublin on 27 April 2012:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/50/12)
- (b) *Second Preparatory Meeting of the 20th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum on Promoting Good Governance and Combating Corruption in Support of Socio-Economic Development, held in Dublin on 23 and 24 April 2012:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/50/12)
- (c) *Participation by the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues, Ms. J. Zeitlin, in the Gender Focal Points meeting and upcoming country visit to Serbia:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/50/12)

- (d) *Distribution of the food-for-thought paper Towards an OSCE Security Community: The “Helsinki+40” Concept (CIO.GAL/49/12 OSCE+):* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/50/12)

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) *Participation by the Secretary General in the International Donors Conference Concerning Durable Solutions for Refugees and Displaced Persons, held in Sarajevo on 24 April 2012:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Second meeting of the open-ended working group on the conflict cycle, held in Vienna on 20 April 2012:* Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Press statement by the Co-Chairs of the Geneva International Discussions (SEC.PR/139/12):* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/50/12)
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Greece, to be held on 6 May 2012:* Greece
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Mongolia, to be held on 28 June 2012, and the training programme “Afghanistan Capacity-Building: Strengthening the Diplomatic Service”:* Mongolia (Partner for Co-operation)
- (d) *Announcement of the next meeting of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 3 May 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

**909th Plenary Meeting**

PC Journal No. 909, Agenda item 2

**DECISION No. 1039**  
**DEVELOPMENT OF CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES TO**  
**REDUCE THE RISKS OF CONFLICT STEMMING FROM THE USE**  
**OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES**

The Permanent Council,

Decides to step up individual and collective efforts to address security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in a comprehensive and cross-dimensional manner in accordance with OSCE commitments and in co-operation with relevant international organizations;

Tasks the OSCE Chairmanship to establish an open-ended, informal OSCE working group under the auspices of the Security Committee, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, in particular paragraphs II(A)8–10 and paragraphs V(B)1–5. The cross-dimensional informal working group shall be led by a Chairperson appointed annually by the OSCE Chairmanship and will perform the following tasks:

- To elaborate a set of draft confidence-building measures (CBMs) to enhance interstate co-operation, transparency, predictability, and stability, and to reduce the risks of misperception, escalation, and conflict that may stem from the use of ICTs;
- To help build consensus for the adoption of such a set of CBMs in 2012;
- To provide progress reports, in consultation with members of the working group, to the Chairperson of the Security Committee, who will report to the Permanent Council. A first progress report shall be given to the Chairperson of the Security Committee by 15 June 2012 and preliminary proposals on possible CBMs by 31 July 2012;

Tasks the Secretariat to support the work of the aforementioned informal working group within available resources.