

**Chairmanship: Ireland****921st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 19 July 2012

Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Suspended: 11.50 a.m.  
Resumed: 2.40 p.m.  
Closed: 4.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O'Leary  
Ms. M. Feeney

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, expressed condolences to Bulgaria with regard to a bombing in Burgas. Bulgaria (Annex) thanked the Chairperson for the expression of condolences. The United States of America, Cyprus-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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/736/12) and the Russian Federation also expressed their condolences. Israel (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/731/12) also expressed gratitude to the Council for its expression of condolences.

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan (PC.FR/16/12 OSCE+), Cyprus-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 Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/733/12),

Russian Federation (PC.DEL/757/12 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/751/12), Azerbaijan, Armenia

Agenda item 2:           REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL PURSUANT TO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL DECISION NO. 3/11 ON ELEMENTS OF THE CONFLICT CYCLE, RELATED TO ENHANCING THE OSCE'S CAPABILITIES IN EARLY WARNING, EARLY ACTION, DIALOGUE FACILITATION AND MEDIATION SUPPORT, AND POST-CONFLICT REHABILITATION

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/137/12 OSCE+), Cyprus-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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/737/12/Rev.1), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/760/12 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/749/12), Switzerland, Turkey (PC.DEL/748/12 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/741/12 OSCE+), Armenia, Georgia (PC.DEL/744/12), Azerbaijan

Agenda item 3:           REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a)    *Response to a statement made by the Russian Federation at the 918th meeting of the Permanent Council on the report of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media:* United States of America (PC.DEL/750/12)
- (b)    *"Presidential elections" in Nagorno-Karabakh, to be held on 19 July 2012:* Cyprus-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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/734/12), France (also on behalf of the Russian Federation and the United States of America), Armenia, Turkey, Azerbaijan
- (c)    *Recent developments in Ukraine:* Cyprus-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; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/738/12/Rev.1), United States of America (PC.DEL/752/12), Ukraine (PC.DEL/743/12 OSCE+)

- (d) *Meeting in the 5+2 negotiation format on the settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Vienna on 12 and 13 July 2012*: Moldova (PC.DEL/740/12/Rev.1 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/742/12 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/761/12), Chairperson
  
- (e) *Amendments to the law “On the Protection of Children from Information Detrimental to their Health and Development” in the Russian Federation*: Cyprus-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 Georgia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/735/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/762/12)
  
- (f) *Human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in the Russian Federation*: United States of America (PC.DEL/753/12), Norway (PC.DEL/739/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/758/12), Holy See (PC.DEL/755/12)
  
- (g) *Adoption of legislation on NGOs in the Russian Federation*: Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/759/12 OSCE+)
  
- (h) *Case of Ms. Gulnaza Yuldasheva in Uzbekistan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/754/12), Uzbekistan

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

*Current visit of the Co-Chairs of the Geneva Discussions to Tbilisi, Tskhinvali, Sukhumi and to Moscow on 24 July 2012*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/101/12)

Agenda item 5:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to the South Caucasus, from 8 to 12 July 2012*: Secretary General, Azerbaijan
  
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Moldova, from 16 to 18 July 2012*: Secretary General

Agenda item 6:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Tokyo Conference on Afghanistan, held on 8 July 2012*: Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson
  
- (b) *Referendum on the dismissal of the President of Romania, to be held on 29 July 2012*: Romania

- (c) *Informal ambassadorial meeting on the Helsinki+40 concept, to be held on 23 July 2012: Chairperson*
- (d) *Circulation of a draft Constituent Document (CIO.GAL/68/12): Chairperson*
- (e) *Mediterranean Contact Group meeting, to be held on 20 July 2012: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 26 July 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF BULGARIA**

I'd like to thank you, Mr. Chairperson, as well as the delegations of the European Union, the United States of America and the Russian Federation for the condolences and sympathy expressed.

I'd like to inform the Permanent Council that at least 7 people died and more than 30 were injured, many of them severely, during a terrorist act in my country yesterday, 18 July, when a bomb exploded on a bus with Israeli tourists at the parking lot of Sarafovo Airport, who had just arrived at the Bulgarian Black Sea coast for their summer holidays.

We are deeply shocked by this barbaric and outrageous terrorist attack against innocent people, including children. Bulgaria resolutely condemns in the strongest possible terms such heinous acts of violence, for which there can be no justification of any sort.

We express our sincere condolences and support to the families and friends of the victims and pray for the speedy and full recovery of all injured.

I can assure you that my country will spare no efforts in order to thoroughly investigate, identify and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.