

**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Permanent Council**  PC.JOUR/755 19 March 2009

## **Chairmanship: Greece**

## **755th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 19 March 2009

Opened: 10.10 a.m. Closed: 1.10 p.m.

- 2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ambassador M. Marinaki
- 3. <u>Subjects discussed Statements Decisions/documents adopted:</u>

Agenda item 1:REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR<br/>DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Chairperson, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR.GAL/16/09 OSCE+), Czech Republic-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/160/09), Norway (PC.DEL/166/09), Belarus (PC.DEL/175/09 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/167/09), Georgia (PC.DEL/175/09, Canada (PC.DEL/167/09), Georgia (PC.DEL/184/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/158/09), Azerbaijan, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (PA.GAL/6/09), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Annex)

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro (PC.FR/3/09 OSCE+), Czech Republic-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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 Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/161/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/159/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/172/09 OSCE+), Croatia, Montenegro (PC.DEL/168/09 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) Conclusions of the European Union's General Affairs and External Relations Council on Bosnia and Herzegovina of 16 March 2009:
  Czech Republic-European Union (PC.DEL/164/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/173/09 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/183/09)
- (b) Conclusions of the European Union's General Affairs and External Relations Council on Belarus of 16 March 2009: Czech Republic-European Union (PC.DEL/163/09), Belarus (PC.DEL/176/09 OSCE+)
- (c) *Gathering of Latvian legionaries in Riga on 16 March 2009:* Russian Federation, Latvia (PC.DEL/181/09)
- (d) Recent developments in Kyrgyzstan: Czech Republic-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova in alignment) (PC.DEL/162/09), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/170/09 OSCE+)
- (e) *Commemoration of the events of 17 March 2004 in Kosovo*: Serbia (PC.DEL/180/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/174/09 OSCE+)

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

- (a) Ninth meeting of the OSCE and Council of Europe Co-ordination Group, held in Vienna on 13 March 2009 (CIO.GAL/37/09 OSCE+): Chairperson
- (b) *Meeting of the OSCE-European Union Troika, held in Brussels on* 17 March 2009: Chairperson
- (c) Response of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office to the outcome of the Moscow meeting on Transdniestria, held on 18 March 2009: Chairperson
- (d) *Presidential elections in Afghanistan, to be held in August 2009*: Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/39/09 OSCE+): Secretary General

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Appointment of a Special Envoy on UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women and peace and security: Ireland (PC.DEL/182/09)
- (b) *Parliamentary elections in Iceland, to be held on 25 April 2009*: Iceland (PC.DEL/165/09)
- (c) Second Preparatory Conference to the Seventeenth OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, held in Tirana on 16 and 17 March 2009: Chairperson, Albania
- 4. <u>Next meeting:</u>

Thursday, 26 March 2009, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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## STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Madam Chairperson,

We have just aligned ourselves with the statement of the Czech Republic on behalf of the EU in response to the ODIHR Director Ambassador Janez Lenarčič. We subscribe fully to the contents of this statement as well as to the EU statement on election observation delivered by the Czech Ambassador at the 5 March session of the Permanent Council.

On this occasion, and regarding the two EU statements mentioned above, let me reiterate that the constitutional name of my country is Republic of Macedonia.

Dear Janez, thank you for the great co-operation that you personally and your able team on the ground have with my authorities. You have the full trust and support of my country.

I kindly request that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.