

**Chairmanship: Kazakhstan**

**794th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Wednesday, 10 February 2010

Opened: 4.40 p.m.

Closed: 6.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OSCE  
NETWORK OPERATING SYSTEM FUND

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 926 (PC.DEC/926) on the establishment of the OSCE Network Operating System Fund, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Audit Committee, representative of the Audit Committee, Spain-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/75/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/83/10 OSCE+), Ukraine (Annex)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Freedom of the media in Azerbaijan:* Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential

candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/76/10), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/88/10), Turkey

- (b) *Freedom of the media in Uzbekistan*: Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/78/10), Uzbekistan
- (c) *Situation regarding the media in Belarus*: Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/77/10), United States of America, Belarus (PC.DEL/86/10 OSCE+)
- (d) *Death penalty in the United States of America*: Spain-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/79/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/74/10)
- (e) *Declaration by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the ratification of Protocol No. 14 to the European Convention on Human Rights by the Russian Federation*: Spain-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, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/81/10)
- (f) *Declaration by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the presidential elections held in Ukraine on 17 January and 7 February 2010*: Spain-European Union (PC.DEL/80/10), Canada, Norway (PC.DEL/85/10), Ukraine
- (g) *Issues addressed in the Permanent Council under "Review of current issues"*: Russian Federation, Chairperson, Spain-European Union

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

- (a)    *Meeting between the Chairman-in-Office and the Secretary of State of the United States of America, in Washington, D.C., on 4 February 2010: Chairperson*
- (b)    *Address by the Chairman-in-Office to the United Nations Security Council and meeting between the Chairman-in-Office and the United Nations Secretary-General, in New York, on 5 February 2010: Chairperson*

Agenda item 5:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General:*  
Secretary General (SEC.GAL/26/10 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)    *Workshop on Combating Illicit Crop Cultivation and Enhancing Border Security and Management: Thailand as a Case Study, held in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, Thailand, from 24 to 28 January 2010: Thailand (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson*
- (b)    *Presidential elections in Austria, to be held on 25 April 2010: Austria (PC.DEL/84/10)*
- (c)    *Organizational matters: Chairperson*

4.    Next meeting:

Thursday, 25 February 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE**

Mr. Chairperson,

We warmly welcome the members of the Audit Committee and its Chairman, Mr. Paul Ernst, to this meeting of the Permanent Council and thank them for their comprehensive and informative report.

We appreciate the effective work of the Audit Committee and have no doubt that its recommendations will make it possible to implement the necessary corrective actions and improvements.

Furthermore, we encourage good working relations between the Audit Committee and the Office of Internal Oversight, as well as the External Auditor, whose functions are being fulfilled by the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine.

Let me take this opportunity to reiterate that the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, in performing its functions as the OSCE's External Auditor, adheres to the core principles of objectivity, co-ordination with relevant OSCE structures and continuation of the highly professional and efficient work performed by its predecessors. The Accounting Chamber of Ukraine has expressed its readiness to provide external auditing services to the OSCE for the next two-year period, as foreseen by Article VIII of the OSCE Financial Regulations.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.



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PC Journal No. 794, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 926  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OSCE NETWORK  
OPERATING SYSTEM FUND**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 923 of 22 December 2009 on approval of the 2010 Unified Budget, paragraph V “Referring to the replacement of the OSCE network operating system (PC.ACMF/54/09 of 10 November 2009)”,

Decides to:

- Establish a separate Fund, hereinafter referred to as the Network Operating System Fund, for the financing of the replacement of the OSCE’s netware and desktop systems. The Fund will cover an implementation period extending to the end of 2012, with the balance carried forward from one year to the next;
- Allocate 1.89 million euros (exclusive of value added tax) to the newly established Fund out of the cash surplus from financial year 2008;

Further decides that:

- The Secretary General will ensure that the activities foreseen under this Fund are completed in the most cost-effective and timely manner;
- Any funds remaining available in the Fund at the time of completion of the activities will be treated in accordance with Financial Regulation 7.07;

Requests:

- The Secretary General as Fund Manager to administer the Fund in accordance with Article VII of the Financial Regulations and to provide reports on the implementation of the Fund quarterly, or more frequently if required.