
Chairmanship: Finland**741st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 20 November 2008

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. A. Turunen

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Ambassador Christine Moser.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE,
AMBASSADOR HEIKKI TALVITIE

Special Envoy of the Chairman-in-Office, France-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 country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1011/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/1015/08), Norway (PC.DEL/1020/08), Georgia, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1022/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON COMBATING RACISM,
XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION, ALSO
FOCUSING ON INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST CHRISTIANS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER
RELIGIONS; ON COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM; AND
ON COMBATING INTOLERANCE AND
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MUSLIMS

Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims (CIO.GAL/171/08), Personal

Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism (CIO.GAL/175/08), Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions (CIO.GAL/174/08), France-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 Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1012/08), Holy See (PC.DEL/1019/08), Switzerland (PC.DEL/1021/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/1016/08), Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Greece, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UKRAINE

OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, France-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/1013/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/1017/08), Russian Federation, Ukraine (PC.DEL/1023/08)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Draft law on religion in Kyrgyzstan: France-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 and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1014/08), United States of America (PC.DEL/1018/08), Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Renewal of the appointment of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan (CIO.GAL/176/08 OSCE+): Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/218/08 OSCE+)*: Secretary General
- (b) *Appointment of Mr. Goran Svilanovic as the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/218/08 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parliamentary elections in Liechtenstein, to be held in February 2009: Liechtenstein

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 27 November 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal