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1. Date: Thursday, 4 November 2010

Opened: 9.40 a.m.
Suspended: 12.40 p.m.
Resumed: 3.30 p.m.
Closed: 4.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, expressed condolences to Turkey in connection with the terrorist attack in Istanbul on 31 October 2010.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF

THE CHAIRPERSON-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

Chairperson, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism (CIO.GAL/185/10 OSCE +), Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims (CIO.GAL/186/10 OSCE+), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1039/10), United States of America

(PC.DEL/1029/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1035/10), Morocco (Partner for Co-operation), Egypt (Partner for Co-operation), Algeria (Partner for Co-operation), Holy See (PC.DEL/1028/10), Azerbaijan, Israel (Partner for Co-operation), Belgium-European Union, Spain

Agenda item 2: OSCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LATVIAN-RUSSIAN JOINT COMMISSION ON MILITARY PENSIONERS

Chairperson, OSCE Representative to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners (PC.FR/17/10 OSCE +), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1040/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1036/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/1030/10)

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE ON GENDER ISSUES

Chairperson, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues (CIO.GAL/188/10 OSCE+), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1041/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/1031/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1037/10)

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) Deployment of a police advisory group to Kyrgyzstan: Chairperson, Deputy Minister of the Interior of Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/1050/10), Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Iceland; 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1042/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/1045/10), Switzerland, Turkey, Canada (PC.DEL/1051/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1038/10), Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/1052/10)
- (b) Freedom of the media and freedom of expression in Turkey:

 Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries

- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1044/10), Turkey
- (c) Working visit of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media to Belarus for the purpose of participating in a round-table discussion on developments relating to the Internet in Belarus: Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1043/10), Belarus (PC.DEL/1047/10), Russian Federation
- (d) Local Elections in Ukraine, held on 31 October 2010: United States of America (PC.DEL/1033/10), Ukraine
- (e) Freedom of the media in Tajikistan: United States of America (PC.DEL/1032/10), Russian Federation, Tajikistan (PC.DEL/1034/10 OSCE+)

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

- (a) Telephone conversation between the Chairperson-in-Office and the Deputy Secretary of State of the United States of America: Chairperson
- (b) Update on the confirmations of high-level attendance of the OSCE Summit in Astana: Chairperson
- (c) Visit, on 1 and 2 November 2010, of advance teams to Astana to discuss practical arrangements for the upcoming OSCE Summit: Chairperson

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/188/10 OSCE+): Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Local elections in Albania, to be held on 8 May 2011: Albania (PC.DEL/1046/10)
- (b) Elections to the Constitutional Assembly of Iceland, to be held on 27 November 2010: Iceland

(c) Seminar on the outcome of the OSCE Summit meeting in Astana, to be held at the Vienna Diplomatic Academy on 8 December 2010: Germany

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

To be announced.