

Chairmanship: Lithuania

860th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 5 May 2011

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, offered condolences on the passing away of Mr. Max van der Stoel. Condolences were likewise offered by Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/410/11), the United States of America (PC.DEL/405/11), the Russian Federation and the Netherlands.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA (CICA), AMBASSADOR ÇINAR ALDEMİR

Chairperson, Executive Director of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (PC.DEL/396/11), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/407/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/403/11),

Russian Federation (PC.DEL/413/11), Kazakhstan, Mongolia (Partner for Co-operation), Turkey (PC.DEL/414/11)

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.FR/9/11 OSCE+), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; the European Free Trade Association country Norway; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/408/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/402/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/411/11), Switzerland (PC.DEL/417/11), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: OSCE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR IN UZBEKISTAN

OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan (PC.FR/8/11 OSCE+), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro 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 country Norway; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/409/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/404/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/412/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/406/11), Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/419/11), Chairperson

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOPS ON ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY ISSUES IN THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 997 (PC.DEC/997) on participatory workshops on environment and security issues in the southern Mediterranean region, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON A SIDE EVENT TO THE 2011 OSCE-MONGOLIA CONFERENCE ON "AFGHANISTAN CAPACITY BUILDING: STRENGTHENING THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE"

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 998 (PC.DEC/998) on a side event to the 2011 OSCE-Mongolia Conference on "Afghanistan Capacity Building: Strengthening the Diplomatic Service", the text of which is appended to this journal.

Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Visit to Tunisia by the Chairperson-in-Office on 16 April 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/11)*
- (b) *Condolences of the Chairperson-in-Office on the terrorist attack in Marrakesh, Morocco: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/11), Morocco (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/416/11)*
- (c) *Statement by the Chairperson-in-Office on 2 May 2011 to mark World Press Freedom Day: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/11)*
- (d) *Visit to Italy and the Holy See of the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions, the Personal Representative on Combating Anti-Semitism, and the Personal Representative on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/11)*
- (e) *Conference on Safety of Journalists in the OSCE Region, to be held in Vilnius on 7 and 8 June 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/11)*
- (f) *Attendance by the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, Ms. A. Skaisgirytė Liauškienė, at the Sofia Platform Conference on Central and Eastern Europe's Transition and Change in the Middle East, held in Sofia from 5 to 7 May 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/11)*
- (g) *Appointment of a new Director of the Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/11)*
- (h) *Selection process for the position of Secretary General: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/84/11)*

Agenda item 8: REPORT ON THE TRILATERAL VISIT OF SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OSCE, THE EU AND THE
UN TO KYRGYZSTAN, PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR
OF THE CONFLICT PREVENTION CENTRE

Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 9: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/81/11 OSCE+): Secretary General

Agenda item 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Federal elections to be held in Switzerland on 23 October 2011: Switzerland*
- (b) *Parliamentary elections to be held in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 5 June 2011: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/421/11)*
- (c) *Farewell to the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre: Chairperson, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 12 May 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 997
PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOPS ON
ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY ISSUES IN THE
SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion in the framework of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Taking note of the preliminary report on informal consultations with the Mediterranean Partners on priority areas for activities to be sponsored through the Partnership Fund circulated by Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/824/09),

Welcoming the proposal by Lithuania and Ireland, contained in PC.DEL/309/11/Rev.1, to use the OSCE Partnership Fund to finance activities related to participatory workshops on environment and security issues in the Southern Mediterranean region,

Recalling the Madrid Ministerial Declaration on the OSCE Partners for Co-operation (MC.DOC/1/07),

Recalling the Madrid Declaration on Environment and Security (MC.DOC/4/07),

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 812 on the establishment of a Partnership Fund,

Decides to authorize the use of the Partnership Fund, subject to the availability of sufficient contributions, to finance the proposed activities related to participatory workshops;

Encourages the participating States and the Partners for Co-operation to contribute to the Partnership Fund for this purpose.



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DECISION No. 998
SIDE EVENT TO THE 2011 OSCE-MONGOLIA CONFERENCE ON
“AFGHANISTAN CAPACITY BUILDING: STRENGTHENING
THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE”

Ulaanbaatar, 23 May 2011

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion in the framework of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Welcoming the proposal by Lithuania and Mongolia, contained in CIO.GAL/77/11/Rev.1, to use the OSCE Partnership Fund to finance the organization of a side event to the OSCE-Mongolia Conference on “Afghanistan capacity building: strengthening the diplomatic service”, to be held in Ulaanbaatar on 23 May 2011,

Recalling the Madrid Ministerial Declaration on the OSCE Partners for Co-operation (MC.DOC/1/07),

Recalling Madrid Ministerial Council Decision No. 4/07 on OSCE engagement with Afghanistan (MC.DEC/4/07/Corr.1),

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 812 on the establishment of a Partnership Fund,

Decides to authorize the use of the Partnership Fund, subject to the availability of sufficient contributions, to finance the proposed side event;

Encourages the participating States and the Partners for Co-operation to contribute to the Partnership Fund for this purpose.