

Chairmanship: Kazakhstan

797th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 11 March 2010

Opened: 10.15 a.m.
Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson informed the Permanent Council that the Chairperson-in-Office, in a letter issued on 10 March 2010 (see the annex to this journal), had announced the adoption, through a silence procedure, of the Ministerial Council decision on the appointment of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (see MC.DEC/1/10, the text of which is appended to this journal).

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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/152/10), the United States of America (PC.DEL/158/10), the Russian Federation (PC.DEL/155/10 OSCE+), Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Chairperson welcomed the new OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media to the Permanent Council.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/49/10 OSCE+), 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/150/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/157/10), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/162/10), Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Belarus (PC.DEL/161/10 OSCE+), Ukraine, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/154/10 OSCE+), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Sixth European Day for the Victims of Terrorism: 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, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/153/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/156/10 OSCE+), United States of America, Chairperson
- (b) *Commemoration of events in Armenia on 1 March 2008: 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 and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/151/10), Russian Federation, Armenia

Agenda item 3: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Participation of the Chairperson-in-Office in the 19th OSCE-Council of Europe High-Level Meeting, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 5 March 2010:* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit by the Chairperson-in-Office to Switzerland from 3 to 5 March 2010:* Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General: Director for Human Resources

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Confirmation by the United States Senate of Mr. Ian Kelly as the new Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the OSCE:* United States of America, Chairperson
- (b) *International Women's Day on 8 March 2010:* United States of America (PC.DEL/160/10), Canada, Chairperson

- (c) *Release of the 2009 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices by the United States Department of State: United States of America*
(PC.DEL/159/10)
- (d) *Parliamentary elections in Slovakia, to be held on 12 June 2010: Slovakia*
- (e) *Charity contribution by the military advisers of the delegations to the OSCE to the association “Kind, Familie, Umwelt”: Austria*
- (f) *Appointment of a new Government in Ukraine: Ukraine*
- (g) *Matters of protocol: Chairperson, Finland*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 18 March 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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LETTER OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

Astana, 10 March 2010

Dear colleague,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairman-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the appointment of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (MC.DD/1/10), expiring on 10 March 2010, at noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Eighteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council on 11 March 2010.

Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to duly register an interpretative statement or a formal reservation under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the above-mentioned meeting of the Permanent Council.

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Kanat Saudabayev
Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE

To the Ministers for Foreign Affairs
of the OSCE participating States



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**DECISION No. 1/10
APPOINTMENT OF THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA**

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 193 of 5 November 1997 on establishing an OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media,

Considering that, according to Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/07, the term of office of the current Representative on Freedom of the Media, Mr. Miklós Haraszti, will expire on 10 March 2010,

Expressing its gratitude to the outgoing Representative on Freedom of the Media, Mr. Miklós Haraszti,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Permanent Council,

Decides to appoint Ms. Dunja Mijatović as Representative on Freedom of the Media for a period of three years with effect from 11 March 2010.