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**Chairmanship: Switzerland****989th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 13 March 2014

Opened: 9.35 a.m.  
Suspended: 12.30 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.  
Closed: 5.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF COUNTER  
NARCOTICS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF  
AFGHANISTAN, H.E. MOBAREZ RASHIDI

Chairperson, Minister of Counter Narcotics of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (PC.DEL/264/14), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/269/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/265/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/291/14), Canada (PC.DEL/267/14 OSCE+), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/280/14 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/272/14), Turkmenistan, Norway (PC.DEL/296/14), Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR  
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Chairperson, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Moldova and

San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/270/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/275/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/292/14), Norway (PC.DEL/297/14), Ukraine (PC.DEL/285/14 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/268/14 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/274/14), Iceland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein) (PC.DEL/286/14 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/289/14 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/295/14 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/300/14 OSCE+), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Annex 1), Austria, Holy See, Slovenia

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

*Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the  
Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/40/14):* Chairperson

Agenda item 4:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General  
(SEC.GAL/35/14/Corr.1 OSCE+):* Director of the Office of Internal Oversight

Agenda item 5:           UKRAINE

Chairperson, Personal Envoy of the Chairperson-in-Office for Ukraine, High Commissioner on National Minorities, Representative on Freedom of the Media, Secretary General, Ukraine (PC.DEL/284/14 OSCE+), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/271/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/278/14), Canada (PC.DEL/273/14 OSCE+), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/288/14 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/293/14), Georgia (PC.DEL/294/14 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/298/14), Germany, Turkey, Belarus, Moldova (PC.DEL/287/14), France, Poland

Point of order: United States of America, Chairperson

Right of reply: Russian Federation, United States of America  
(PC.DEL/277/14)

Agenda item 6:           REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

None

Agenda item 7:           DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE HUMAN  
                                  DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1114 (PC.DEC/1114) on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 8:           DECISION ON THE TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF  
THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION  
MEETING

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1115 (PC.DEC/1115) on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 9:           DECISION ON THE TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN  
DIMENSION SEMINAR IN WARSAW

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1116 (PC.DEC/1116) on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Russian Federation (Annex 2), United States of America (Annex 3), Norway,  
Canada, Greece-European Union (PC.DEL/299/14)

Agenda item 10:        ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a)   *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan,  
Ambassador L. Imanalieva:* Chairperson, Kyrgyzstan
- (b)   *Midterm elections in the United States of America, to be held on  
4 November 2014:* United States of America (PC.DEL/276/14)
- (c)   *Tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in Madrid on 11 March 2004:* Spain

4.    Next meeting:

To be announced



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**989th Plenary Meeting**

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**STATEMENT BY  
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

Although we subscribed to the respective EU Statement, I would like to share a few thoughts in my national capacity.

I would like to join others in warmly welcoming the ODIHR Director and thank him for his comprehensive report.

As Ambassador Lenarcic is closing yet another successful career chapter, I would like to applaud him for his diligent and prolific agency in promoting and safeguarding human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as democratic values and principles in the OSCE area.

Your constructive approach in conducting ODIHR affairs, along with your expertise and integrity will remain an unavoidable feature portraying this Office in the years to come.

You have added weight and visibility to the activities of this prominent institution and we are very thankful for your co-operation.

One of your remaining chores is related to the “trademark” of the ODIHR – election monitoring. ODIHR monitors will be observing the Macedonian presidential and early parliamentary elections.

I have already announced the national presidential elections and would like to use this opportunity and bring to the attention of the Permanent Council that last week the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, H.E. Trajko Veljanovski, announced that the early parliamentary elections will occur on 27 April 2014, following the first round of the presidential elections taking place on 13 April.

This announcement came after the elected representatives decided to collectively dissolve the Macedonian National Assembly.

The ODIHR has already deployed its electoral monitoring mission, yet in the light of the OSCE commitments under the Copenhagen Document 1990, as well as the Istanbul

Declaration of 1999, I would like to once more extend an invitation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE participating States to deploy observers to these elections.

The Republic of Macedonia reiterates its willingness to welcome an observation mission and once again conduct elections in line with the OSCE commitments and election standards.

Mr. Lenarcic, you took over and leaving this position in challenging times for our Organization and our collective security.

Towards the end of my statement, but also of your productive mandate, allow me to wish you success in the future and thank you for your co-operation in the past. Rest assured that we will continue collaborating with your successor in good faith.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson, and would like to kindly ask you to append this statement to the journal of the day.



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**989th Plenary Meeting**  
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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

In joining the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decisions on OSCE events in the human dimension, we should like to make the following statement.

We appreciate the efforts of the Swiss Chairmanship to seek a balance in the OSCE's work in the human dimension that would take account of the interests of the various States.

It is gratifying to note that topics as important as the rights of national minorities and the protection of women and children from violence will be discussed at special sessions of the Warsaw review meeting.

We expect the various aspects of limitations and responsibility in the assertion of rights and freedoms and the inviolability of privacy to be considered at the second supplementary OSCE meeting on freedom of expression.

We presume that the agenda of the third supplementary meeting will duly reflect the issue of the observance of social and economic human rights.

We regret to note that the programme of human dimension events this year fails to include other problems of no less relevance to the OSCE area, namely combating racism, aggressive nationalism, neo-Nazism, the protection of privacy, election observation and freedom of movement. We trust that they will, however, be given due attention during human dimension events and at the Warsaw review meeting.

We expect the Swiss Chairmanship to resume work on optimizing activities in the human dimension as soon as possible.

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



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairperson.

We have emphasized at every opportunity that the human dimension events package is light on fundamental freedoms, and that we would prefer more attention to them given the struggles that civil society, including human rights defenders, confront every day in a great number of participating States.

The United States wishes to express its gratitude to the Swiss Chairmanship for its commitment to ensure that fundamental freedoms receive appropriate scheduling priority at the 2014 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in Warsaw. Every delegation would of course like to see more of its priorities reflected in our human dimension work. For example, we would also prefer to see a day devoted to Gender issues, given the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the OSCE Gender Action Plan, with a session, rather than a full day, on violence against women and children.

We ask that this statement be attached to the journal of the day.



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**989th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1114  
DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION  
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Decides that the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 22 September to 3 October 2014.





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**989th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1115  
TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION  
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Decides to select the following topics for the second part of the 2014 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: “Rights of migrants”, “Rights of persons belonging to national minorities” and “Violence against women and children”.



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**DECISION No. 1116  
TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR  
IN WARSAW**

The Permanent Council,

Having considered the results of the 2013 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting,

Decides that the Human Dimension Seminar will take place in Warsaw from 12 to 14 May 2014 and will be devoted to the topic “Improving OSCE effectiveness by enhancing its co-operation with relevant regional and international organizations”;

Tasks the ODIHR with elaborating the agenda and modalities of the Seminar.