
Chairmanship: Kazakhstan**791st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 21 January 2010

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 10.50 a.m.
Resumed: 11.05 a.m.
Closed: 11.10 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

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

Agenda item 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Death of the Kyrgyz journalist Mr. Gennady Pavlyuk:* Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; 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 and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/39/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/42/10), Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/44/10)
- (b) *Approval by the State Duma of the Russian Federation of the law ratifying Protocol No. 14 to the European Convention on Human Rights:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/37/10 OSCE+)
- (c) *Proposal for a draft decision on conflict prevention and crisis management in the OSCE area (FSC-PC.DEL/1/10/Corr.1):* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/36/10 OSCE+), United States of America
- (d) *Presidential elections in Ukraine, held on 17 January 2010:* United States of America (PC.DEL/41/10), Ukraine (PC.DEL/40/10)

Agenda item 2: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Presentation by the Chairman-in-Office of the priorities of the OSCE Chairmanship to accredited diplomats in Kazakhstan, on 20 January 2010:* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for Protracted Conflicts, Ambassador Bolat Nurgaliyev, to Moscow, on 19 January 2010:* Chairperson
- (c) *Visit of the Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office for Protracted Conflicts, Ambassador Bolat Nurgaliyev, to the South Caucasus, from 19 to 22 January 2010:* Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/11/10/Corr.1 OSCE+):* Secretary General
- (b) *Workshop on Combating Modern Slavery: National, Regional and International Experiences, to be held in Ulaanbaatar from 9 to 10 February 2010 (SEC.GAL/11/10/Corr.1 OSCE+):* Secretary General
- (c) *Vacancies for seconded positions in the OSCE (SEC.GAL/11/10/Corr.1 OSCE+):* Secretary General

Agenda item 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Follow-up to the final report of the OSCE/ODIHR election observation mission on the parliamentary elections in Germany held on 27 September 2009:* Germany (Annex)
- (b) *Policy speech on Internet freedom delivered by the Secretary of State of the United States of America on 21 January 2010:* United States of America (PC.DEL/43/10), Chairperson
- (c) *Moratorium on the death penalty in Mongolia:* Mongolia (Partner for Co-operation)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 28 January 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY

Mr. Chairman,

With regard to the elections to the German Bundestag that took place on 27 September of last year and the assessment of those elections by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), I should like to inform the delegations briefly as to how the German Federal Government is continuing to deal with this matter.

The OSCE/ODIHR election observation mission presented its report on 14 December. It can be found on the ODIHR website.

The Federal Government will carefully evaluate this report and carefully examine the recommendations contained in it.

Against this background, the Federal Minister for Internal Affairs sent the following letter to Ambassador Lenarčič, Director of the ODIHR, on 4 January.

“Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have with great interest taken note of the report on the monitoring of the Bundestag elections in 2009. On the basis of a decision of the Federal Constitutional Court of 2008, a change to the Federal Election Act (*Bundeswahlgesetz*) is in any case necessary. The comments contained in the report will be taken into account in the considerations regarding the electoral law amendments. We shall inform you of the completion of the amendments to the law.

With kind regards,

[signed] Thomas de Maizière”

I should like to ask you to include my statement and the content of this letter in the journal of today’s meeting.

Thank you.