
Chairmanship: Greece**756th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 26 March 2009

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.25 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M. Marinaki

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE OFFICE IN ZAGREB

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Office in Zagreb (PC.FR/4/09 OSCE+), Czech Republic-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/187/09), Serbia (PC.DEL/204/09 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/189/09 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/192/09), Croatia (PC.DEL/200/09 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Presidential and municipal elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, held on 22 March 2009:* Turkey (PC.DEL/201/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/195/09), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/197/09), Chairperson (Annex)

(b) *Abolition of the death penalty in the state of New Mexico, United States of America:* Czech Republic-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, Moldova and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/188/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/193/09)

- (c) *Tenth anniversary of the NATO airstrikes against the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: Serbia* (PC.DEL/205/09), Albania (PC.DEL/206/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/196/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/190/09 OSCE+), France (PC.DEL/202/09), United Kingdom
- (d) *Central Asian Nuclear-Free Zone Treaty: Uzbekistan* (PC.DEL/203/09), Chairperson, Belarus (PC.DEL/208/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/207/09)
- (e) *Gathering of Latvian legionnaires in Riga on 16 March 2009: Russian Federation* (PC.DEL/198/09 OSCE+), Uzbekistan, Latvia (PC.DEL/191/09)
- (f) *Daily patrol report of the OSCE Military Monitoring Officers in Georgia for 25 March 2009 (SEC.FR/241/09 Restr.): United States of America* (PC.DEL/210/09), Chairperson, Georgia

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

- (a) *Letter from the Chairperson-in-Office to the ministers for foreign affairs of the OSCE participating States concerning the involvement of the OSCE in the presidential elections in Afghanistan, to be held in August 2009: Chairperson*
- (b) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Georgia on 23 March 2009: Chairperson*
- (c) *Distribution of an updated report on gas- and water-related issues in South Ossetia, Georgia (CIO.GAL/38/09 Restr.): Chairperson*
- (d) *Appointment of a Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and of a Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the Asian Partners for Co-operation: Chairperson*

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Visit of the Secretary General to Slovenia on 23 March 2009 (SEC.GAL/41/09 OSCE+): Director of the Department of Management and Finance*
- (b) *The financial situation in the OSCE (SEC.GAL/41/09 OSCE+): Director of the Department of Management and Finance, Chairperson, Russian Federation*
- (c) *Publication of a fact sheet by the OSCE Secretariat's Gender Section entitled Integrating a Gender Approach into Police-Public Partnerships (SEC.GAL/41/09 OSCE+): Director of the Department of Management and Finance*

- (d) *Technical seminar on trafficking for labour exploitation focusing on the agricultural sector, to be held in Vienna on 27 and 28 April 2009* (SEC.GAL/41/09 OSCE+): Director of the Department of Management and Finance

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Expression of condolences and observation of a moment of silence on the death of Mr. Vladimir Shustov, former member of the Panel of Eminent Persons appointed to review the work of the OSCE: Russian Federation, Chairperson*
- (b) *First expert roundtable on the Bolzano/Bozen Recommendations on National Minorities in Inter-State Relations, held in Ljubljana on 23 March 2009: Slovenia*
- (c) *Contribution by Japan to the OSCE's engagement with Afghanistan: Japan (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/186/09 OSCE+), Chairperson, Tajikistan, United States of America (PC.DEL/194/09), Turkmenistan, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Kyrgyzstan, Director of the Department of Management and Finance*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 2 April 2009, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

May I recall to the Permanent Council, for reasons of good order, PC Decision No. 81 of 12 October 1995, in which the Permanent Council welcomed as a participating State of the OSCE the State whose application was contained in the letter of application dated 9 October 1995 (REF.PC/598/95).

The decision states that “this State will be provisionally referred to for all purposes within the OSCE as ‘the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia’ pending settlement of the difference which has arisen over the name of that State”.

This statement of the Chairperson will be attached to the journal of this meeting.