

Chairmanship: Kazakhstan

823rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Tuesday, 13 July 2010

Opened: 11.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Ukraine, Ambassador I. Prokopchuk, and the new Permanent Representative of Moldova, Ambassador V. Chiveri, to the OSCE. Ambassador Prokopchuk and Ambassador Chiveri both made welcoming statements.

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

Agenda item 1: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND
THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER
ON NATIONAL MINORITIES

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 943 (PC.DEC/943) on the recommendation to extend the mandate of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2009 AND THE REPORT OF THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 944 (PC.DEC/944) on the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 and the Report of the External Auditor, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON AMENDING OSCE STAFF REGULATIONS

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 945 (PC.DEC/945) on amending OSCE Staff Regulations, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: BRIEFING ON THE INFORMAL MINISTERIAL
MEETING, ALMATY, 16–17 JULY 2010

Chairperson, Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/767/10)

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Deployment of an OSCE police advisory group to Kyrgyzstan:* Chairperson, Belgium-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland 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 Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/766/10), Russian Federation, Canada, Kyrgyzstan
- (b) *Human rights situation in Belarus:* United States of America (PC.DEL/765/10), Belarus

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Telephone conversation between the Chairperson-in-Office and the President of Kyrgyzstan on 10 July 2010:* Chairperson
- (b) *Meeting in the “5+2” negotiation format on the Transdniestrian settlement process, held in Vienna on 7 and 8 July 2010:* Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:
Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *High-Level Democracy Meeting, held in Krakow, Poland, from 2 to 4 July 2010: Poland*
- (b) *Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Oslo from 6 to 10 July 2010: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 22 July 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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PC Journal No. 823, Agenda item 1

**DECISION No. 943
RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the decision of the CSCE Helsinki Summit 1992 to establish a High Commissioner on National Minorities,

Considering that the first term of office of the current mandate of Mr. Knut Vollebaek comes to an end on 19 August 2010,

1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the extension of the mandate of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, as contained in document MC.DD/2/10 of 8 July 2010;
2. Recommends that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 21 July 2010, at noon CET.

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**DECISION No. 944
FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009 AND
THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations, particularly Regulations 7.05 and 8.06(e), as approved by the Permanent Council on 27 June 1996 (DOC.PC/1/96), as well as Step 5(b) of PC Decision No. 553 on the OSCE's Unified Budget Process,

Reiterating the importance of full transparency and accountability in the functioning of the OSCE,

Taking note of the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 and the Report of the External Auditor (PC.ACMF/28/10 of 18 June 2010),

Expressing its gratitude to the External Auditor, the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, for the work done,

1. Accepts the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009;
2. Requests the Secretary General to establish and submit to the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance not later than 31 October 2010 a work plan for follow-up to the recommendations of the External Auditor as reflected in its Report for 2009. Further requests the Secretary General to inform the Permanent Council through the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance about the implementation of this plan on a regular basis, taking into account guidance from the Advisory Committee on Management and Finance;
3. Welcomes the Audit Committee's regular review of the OSCE's systems of internal and external controls.



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**DECISION No. 945
AMENDING OSCE STAFF REGULATIONS**

The Permanent Council,

Acting in accordance with the relevant provisions of Staff Regulation 11.01,

With reference to the decision of the Permanent Council on Approval of the 2010 Unified Budget (PC.DEC/923 dated 22 December 2009),

Takes note of the proposed amendments to the Staff Rules circulated by the Secretariat on 30 June 2010, SEC.GAL/79/10/Rev.2;

Approves the attached amendments to OSCE Staff Regulation 4.05 on Resignation and Staff Regulation 7.06 on Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave.

AMENDING OSCE STAFF REGULATIONS

CURRENT	AMENDED
<p>Regulation 4.05 Resignation</p> <p>(a) A staff/mission member may resign by giving the Secretary General, respective head of institution/mission, and the appointing authority the same period of written notice as would be required for termination of his/her appointment or assignment. The Secretary General, respective head of institution/mission, and the appointing authority may, however, accept shorter notice.</p> <p>(b) The Secretary General, heads of institution, the heads of mission and the representatives of the Chairmanship shall give their notice to the Chairmanship, who shall notify the Permanent Council of this resignation.</p>	<p>Regulation 4.05 Resignation</p> <p>(a) A fixed-term staff/mission member may resign by giving the Secretary General, respective head of institution/mission, and the appointing authority two months' written notice. For appointments/assignments of less than six months, the period of written notice shall be as would be required for termination of his/her appointment or assignment. The Secretary General, respective head of institution/mission, and the appointing authority may, however, accept shorter notice.</p> <p>(b) The Secretary General, heads of institution, the heads of mission and the representatives of the Chairmanship shall give their notice to the Chairmanship, who shall notify the Permanent Council of this resignation.</p>

AMENDING OSCE STAFF REGULATIONS (continued)

<p>Regulation 7.06 Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave</p> <p>(a) Under the conditions specified in the Staff Rules, female OSCE officials shall be entitled to maternity leave of sixteen consecutive weeks. This period may be extended by two weeks in the event of a multiple birth.</p> <p>(b) Under the conditions specified in the Staff Rules, OSCE officials shall be entitled to paternity and adoption leave.</p>	<p>Regulation 7.06 Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave</p> <p>(a) Under the conditions specified in the Staff Rules, female OSCE officials shall be entitled to maternity leave of sixteen consecutive weeks. This period may be extended by two weeks in the event of a multiple birth.</p> <p>(b) Under the conditions specified in the Staff Rules, OSCE officials shall be entitled to paternity and adoption leave.</p> <p>(c) The period of service in relation to maternity, paternity and adoption leave, including special leave without pay taken in connection with such leave, shall not be calculated towards the total length of service as provided for in Regulation 3.08.</p>
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