



Chairmanship: Ukraine

942nd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 28 February 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 11.35 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA

Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia (PC.FR/2/13 OSCE+), Chairperson, Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/120/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/118/13/Rev.1), Russian Federation, Switzerland (PC.DEL/124/13 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/123/13 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/122/13 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/125/13 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1074 (PC.DEC/1074) on the recommendation to extend the mandate of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

Presidential elections in Armenia, held on 18 February 2013: United States of America (PC.DEL/119/13), Ireland-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; 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 Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/121/13), Russian Federation, Belarus, Turkey (PC.DEL/127/13), Armenia

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Meeting between the Chairperson-in-Office and the Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, held in Warsaw on 27 February 2013: Chairperson*
- (b) *Forthcoming visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to The Hague on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities on 7 March 2013: Chairperson*
- (c) *Meeting in the "5+2" negotiation format on the settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Lviv, Ukraine, on 18 and 19 February 2013: Chairperson*
- (d) *Address by Mr. V. Yatsiuk, Special Envoy of the Chairperson-in-Office, at the 2013 Winter Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly: Chairperson*
- (e) *Thirty-first meeting of the Ergneti Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM), held on 22 February 2013: Chairperson*

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Secretary General*
- (b) *Attendance of the Secretary General at the 5th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, held in Vienna on 27 and 28 February 2013: Secretary General*
- (c) *Meeting with the Head of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, Ambassador M. Jenča, in Vienna on 22 February 2013: Secretary General*
- (d) *Meeting with the Minister for Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. F. Radončić, in Vienna on 20 February 2013: Secretary General*
- (e) *Meeting with the Acting Secretary General of the Central European Initiative, Mr. G. Rosso Cicogna, held in Vienna on 19 February 2013: Secretary General*

- (f) *Attendance of the Secretary General at a meeting of the Vienna Energy Club held in Vienna on 26 February 2013: Secretary General*
- (g) *Meeting with the President of INTERPOL, Ms. M. Ballestrazzi, held in Vienna on 15 February 2013: Secretary General*
- (h) *2012 OSCE Annual Report: Secretary General*
- (i) *Media coverage of the conference Internet 2013: Shaping policies to advance media freedom, held in Vienna on 14 and 15 February 2013: Secretary General*
- (j) *Security Days event on Developing a New Approach to Conventional Arms Control, to be held in Vienna on 4 March 2013: Secretary General*
- (k) *Security Days event on International Community Engagement with Afghanistan and Central Asian States – Challenges, Synergies, Possible Responses and the OSCE Role, to be held in Vienna on 12 March 2013: Secretary General*

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Trial monitoring in Georgia by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights: Georgia*
- (b) *Mid-term parliamentary elections and presidential elections in Georgia, to be held in April and October 2013 respectively: Georgia*
- (c) *Death of Mr. S. Hessel on 27 February 2013: France (PC.DEL/126/13), Chairperson*
- (d) *OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Winter Meeting, held in Vienna on 21 and 22 February 2013, and co-operation between the ODIHR and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly with regard to election observation: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*
- (e) *2013 OSCE-Australia Conference on Improving the Security of Women and Girls, to be held in Adelaide, Australia, on 18 and 19 March 2013: Secretary General*
- (f) *Meeting of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, to be held in Vienna on 1 March 2013: Chairperson*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 7 March 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1074
RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE
OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA**

The Permanent Council,

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

Considering that the first term of office of the current Representative on Freedom of the Media comes to an end on 10 March 2013,

Underlining the important contribution of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media to the promotion of the freedom of expression and free media in the OSCE area,

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 Representative on Freedom of the Media, as contained in document MC.DD/1/13/Rev.1 of 26 February 2013;
2. Recommends that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 6 March 2013, at noon CET.