

**Chairmanship: Kazakhstan**

**812th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 10 June 2010

Opened: 10.20 a.m.

Closed: 12.35 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Abdrakhmanov

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF  
MACEDONIA, H. E. ANTONIO MILOŠOSKI

Chairperson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/493/10), Spain-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia 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 Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/498/10), United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/499/10), Switzerland (PC.DEL/494/10), Serbia, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER  
ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE OSCE  
HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON TOLERANCE AND  
NON-DISCRIMINATION

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 940 (PC.DEC/940) on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the OSCE High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Spain-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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (Annex)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Municipal elections in Georgia, held on 30 May 2010*: Spain-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 and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/497/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/502/10), Georgia
- (b) *Geneva International Discussions, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 7 and 8 June 2010*: Spain-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 and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/497/10), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/500/10), Georgia, United States of America
- (c) *Freedom of the media in Armenia*: Spain-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, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/507/10), United States of America (PC.DEL/501/10), Armenia
- (d) *Freedom of assembly in Azerbaijan*: 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 and Montenegro; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/496/10), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/504/10)
- (e) *Murder of Bishop Luigi Padovese, the Apostolic Vicar of Anatolia*: Turkey, Holy See (PC.DEL/495/10)

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

- (a)    *Meeting in the framework of the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism, held in Ergneti, Georgia, on 3 June 2010: Chairperson*
- (b)    *Geneva International Discussions, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 7 and 8 June 2010: Chairperson*
- (c)    *Third Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 7 June 2010: Chairperson*

Agenda item 5:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a)    *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/103/10 OSCE+): Secretary General*
- (b)    *Publication of the OSCE Project Management Manual: Chairperson (SEC.GAL/103/10 OSCE+)*

Agenda item 6:           ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Follow-up to the OSCE/ODIHR Election Assessment Mission Report (ODIHR.GAL/80/09) on the parliamentary elections held in Norway on 14 September 2009: Norway (PC.DEL/510/10), Chairperson*

4.    Next meeting:

Thursday, 17 June 2010, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe  
Permanent Council**

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**812th Plenary Meeting**  
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## **STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The European Union welcomes the adoption by the Permanent Council of the agenda of the High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination. It thanks the Kazakh Chairmanship of the OSCE for its efforts to reach a consensus among the participating States.

The European Union has shown a great deal of flexibility during the negotiations on this agenda. It greatly regrets that the participating States were unable to reach an agreement on a more ambitious agenda based on a wide-ranging approach to the questions of tolerance and non-discrimination.

The European Union hopes that the delayed adoption of the agenda will not have an impact on the quality of the discussions that will take place in Astana and that this conference will make a genuine contribution to the fight against discrimination regardless of its form.

I would ask you, Mr. Chairperson, to attach this statement to the journal of the meeting.

The candidate countries Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*, the Stabilisation and Association Process countries and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, the European Free Trade Association country and member of the European Economic Area Iceland, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, align themselves with this statement.

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\* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continues to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.



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**DECISION No. 940**  
**AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL**  
**MODALITIES OF THE OSCE HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON**  
**TOLERANCE AND NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Astana, 29 and 30 June 2010

**I. Agenda and timetable**

**Tuesday, 29 June 2010**

Morning                      Opening session: Welcoming remarks and general statements

   Official opening of the Conference and keynote speeches: Challenges in implementing OSCE commitments in the area of tolerance and non-discrimination

**Part 1. Forms of intolerance and discrimination**

Morning                      Session 1: Combating intolerance and discrimination against Muslims

Afternoon                    Session 2: Combating anti-Semitism

Afternoon                    Session 3: Combating racism, xenophobia and discrimination, also focusing on intolerance and discrimination against Christians and members of other religions

**Wednesday, 30 June 2010**

**Part 2. The way forward: Preventing and responding to intolerance, including hate crimes. Promoting mutual respect and understanding, including through gender perspective**

Morning                      Session 4: The role of legislation, law enforcement, data collection, and civil society in combating and preventing intolerance and discrimination, including hate crimes

Morning	Session 5: The role of education to promote mutual understanding and respect for diversity according to the existing OSCE commitments
Afternoon	Session 6: Addressing public manifestations of intolerance, in accordance with the OSCE commitments and promoting understanding through open dialogue in the media, including the Internet
Afternoon	Session 7: Strategies for promoting tolerance and understanding, inter-ethnic and intercultural dialogue, including its religious dimension, in the OSCE area
Afternoon	Closing plenary session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Reports by the plenary session moderators</li><li>– Conclusions and recommendations</li><li>– The way ahead: Consolidating progress and facing new challenges</li></ul>

## **II. Organizational modalities**

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office or a representative of the Chairperson-in-Office.

Each session will have one moderator and at least one rapporteur. The rapporteur(s) will serve as the co-ordinator(s) to prepare the session.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be applied at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (PC.DEC/762) will be taken into consideration.

The participating States are encouraged to be represented by high level officials as well as senior experts responsible for tolerance and non-discrimination issues.

The OSCE institutions will participate in the Conference, as will the Secretary General and the Secretariat. The Parliamentary Assembly and Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate.

Participation of representatives from international and regional organizations, as well as other relevant actors of civil society and NGOs, would be welcome.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions.

The discussion in the plenary sessions will be interpreted from and into all six working languages of the OSCE.

The opening and closing sessions will be open to the media.