



Chairmanship: Lithuania

878th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 1 September 2011

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE, Ambassador Fernando Valderrama; the new Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the OSCE, Ambassador Andrey Kelin; the new Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OSCE, Ambassador Dominic Schroeder; and the new Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the OSCE, Ambassador Blanka Jamnišek.

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/18/11 OSCE+), Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/821/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/812/11), Switzerland (PC.DEL/808/11 OSCE+), Albania (PC.DEL/807/11/Rev.1 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/826/11 OSCE+), Turkey, Serbia (PC.DEL/831/11)

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Economic sanctions imposed on Belarus by the United States of America:* Belarus (PC.DEL/814/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/829/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/819/11/Rev.1)
- (b) *Human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law in Azerbaijan:* Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/825/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/811/11), Azerbaijan, Armenia
- (c) *Rule of law and human rights issues in Kazakhstan:* Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/824/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/813/11), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/832/11)
- (d) *Elections in the breakaway region of Abkhazia in Georgia, held on 26 August 2011:* Poland-European Union (PC.DEL/823/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/817/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/830/11), Georgia (PC.DEL/810/11)
- (e) *The death penalty in the United States of America:* Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/822/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/818/11)
- (f) *Terrorist attacks in Grozny, Russian Federation, on 30 August 2011:* Chairperson, Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/820/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/827/11)

- (g) *The death penalty in Belarus*: Switzerland (also on behalf of Andorra, Norway and San Marino) (PC.DEL/809/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/815/11)
- (h) *Death of the Polish politician Mr. Andrzej Lepper*: Belarus (PC.DEL/816/11), Poland

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

- (a) *Visit to Kyrgyzstan of the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues and the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, from 26 to 29 July 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/164/11)
- (b) *Exchange of letters between the Chairperson-in-Office and the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom on the recent riots in the United Kingdom*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/164/11), United Kingdom
- (c) *Conference on Preventing and Responding to Hate Incidents and Crimes against Christians, to be held in Rome on 12 September 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/164/11)
- (d) *Chairmanship conference on energy security, to be held in Ashgabat on 3 and 4 November 2011*: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/164/11)
- (e) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/164/11)*: Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Review of the Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/136/11)
- (b) *Joint evaluation of the Community Security Initiative in Kyrgyzstan by the Conflict Prevention Centre and the Strategic Police Matters Unit*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/136/11)
- (c) *Recent visit of the Secretary General to Washington, D.C.*: Secretary General
- (d) *Annual Police Experts Meeting, to be held in Vienna on 22 and 23 September 2011*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/136/11)
- (e) *Recent visit to Canada of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/136/11)

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Exhibition on “Twenty years from the epicentre of nuclear tests toward the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian Security Community”, opened in Vienna on 1 September 2011: Kazakhstan*
- (b) *Presidential elections in Kyrgyzstan, to be held on 30 October 2011: Kyrgyzstan*
- (c) *Parliamentary elections in Denmark, to be held on 15 September 2011: Denmark*
- (d) *State Duma elections, to be held in the Russian Federation on 4 December 2011: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/828/11)*
- (e) *Parliamentary elections in Poland, to be held on 9 October 2011: Poland*

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 7 September 2011, at 11 a.m., in the Neuer Saal