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907th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 29 March 2012

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.10 p.m.

2. <u>Chairperson</u>: Ambassador E. O'Leary

Ms. M. Feeney

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, H.E. THORBJØRN JAGLAND

Chairperson, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (PC.DEL/277/12 OSCE+), Denmark-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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/285/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/309/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/278/12), Switzerland (PC.DEL/298/12), Georgia, Turkey (PC.DEL/291/12), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/313/12), Ukraine (PC.DEL/281/12), Norway (PC.DEL/296/12), United Kingdom, Armenia (PC.DEL/312/12), Azerbaijan, Albania (PC.DEL/293/12), Latvia

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE OSCE REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA

Chairperson, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/2/12/ Rev.1), Denmark-European Union (with the acceding

country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/286/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/311/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/279/12), Switzerland (PC.DEL/299/12), Belarus (PC.DEL/302/12), Turkey (PC.DEL/292/12), Ukraine (PC.DEL/282/12), Azerbaijan, Spain (PC.DEL/289/12), Turkmenistan, Norway (PC.DEL/297/12), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/314/12), Albania (PC.DEL/294/12), Armenia (PC.DEL/306/12), Montenegro (PC.DEL/295/12), Canada, Kyrgyzstan

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

Chairperson

<u>Decision</u>: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1037 (PC.DEC/1037) on the dates of the 2012 Annual Security Review Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 4: Review of Current Issues

- (a) Tolerance and non-discrimination in Moldova: Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, in alignment) (PC.DEL/284/12), Moldova
- (b) Election monitoring activities by the ODIHR: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/310/12), Denmark-European Union, United States of America (PC.DEL/290/12), Belarus
- (c) "Elections" in South Ossetia, Georgia, and Abkhazia, Georgia: Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/307/12)
- (d) Human rights and fundamental freedoms in Belarus: Denmark-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; as well as the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/287/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/308/12), Belarus (PC.DEL/303/12)
- (e) Fundamental freedoms in the United States of America and Canada: Belarus (PC.DEL/304/12), United States of America, Canada

(f) Case of the journalist Mr. M. Bekjanov in Uzbekistan: Denmark-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; as well as the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/283/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/280/12), Uzbekistan

Agenda item 5: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) Nineteenth round of the Geneva Discussions held on 29 March 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/39/12)
- (b) Visit to Austria by the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions; the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism; and the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/39/12)

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) Visit of the Secretary General to Tajikistan from 26 to 28 March 2012: Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/64/12 OSCE+)
- (b) Participation of representatives of the Department for Addressing Transnational Threats in the Security Jam 2012: Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/64/12 OSCE+)
- (c) New master's programme in economic governance and development at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek: Director for Management and Finance (SEC.GAL/64/12 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Parliamentary elections in Liechtenstein to be held on 1 and 3 February 2013: Liechtenstein
- (b) OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Economic Conference entitled Fostering Economic Co-operation and Stability in the OSCE Region, to be held in Batumi, Georgia, from 12 to 14 May 2012: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairperson
- (c) Fifth Regional Economic Co-operation Conference on Afghanistan held in Dushanbe on 26 and 27 March 2012: Tajikistan (PC.DEL/288/12), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation)

(d) Registration deadline for the Chairmanship conference entitled Shared Future: Building and Sustaining Peace, the Northern Ireland Case Study, to be held in Dublin on 27 April 2012: Chairperson

4. <u>Next meeting</u>:

Thursday, 19 April 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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DECISION No. 1037 DATES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE

The Permanent Council,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Forum for Security Co-operation,

Decides that the 2012 Annual Security Review Conference will take place in Vienna from 26 to 28 June 2012.