



Chairmanship: Lithuania

853rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 10 March 2011

Opened: 10.10 a.m.
Suspended: 1 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 4.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus
Mr. A. Krivas

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL CONCERNING
THE COMPLEMENTARY ROLE OF THE OSCE IN THE
FIELD OF ENERGY SECURITY

Chairperson, Secretary General (RC.GAL/21/10 OSCE+), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; 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, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/200/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/195/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/215/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/212/11 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/223/11), Ukraine (PC.DEL/220/11 OSCE+), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/206/11)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE CO-ORDINATOR OF OSCE ECONOMIC
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Chairperson, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (SEC.GAL/45/11 OSCE+), Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland,

Montenegro and Turkey; 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 and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/201/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/197/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/216/11), Ukraine (PC.DEL/221/11 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: OSCE MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro (PC.FR/3/11 OSCE+), Hungary-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 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/202/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/198/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/219/11), Montenegro (PC.DEL/199/11 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE APPROVAL FOR CARRY-OVER OF AN UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATION (not adopted)

Chairperson, Turkmenistan, Director for Management and Finance

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON THE DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson, Russian Federation

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 986 (PC.DEC/986) on the dates of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 6: DECISION ON THE TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 987 (PC.DEC/987) on the topics for the second part of the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 7: DECISION ON THE TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR IN WARSAW

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 988 (PC.DEC/988) on the topic and dates of the Human Dimension Seminar in Warsaw, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson (CIO.GAL/33/11)

Agenda item 8: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *International Women's Day:* Hungary-European Union (PC.DEL/205/11), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) (PC.DEL/224/11), Serbia, United States of America (PC.DEL/208/11), Russian Federation
- (b) *Fifteenth round of the Geneva Discussions on Security and Stability in the South Caucasus, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 4 March 2011:* Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Turkey; 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/203/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/196/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/217/11), Georgia, Chairperson (CIO.GAL/33/11)
- (c) *Situation in Belarus and post-election trial monitoring by the ODIHR:* United States of America (PC.DEL/210/11), Hungary-European Union, Belarus (PC.DEL/213/11 OSCE+), Chairperson (CIO.GAL/33/11)
- (d) *Freedom of the media and expression in Turkey:* Hungary-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/204/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/209/11), Turkey (PC.DEL/225/11)
- (e) *Freedom of religion in the United States of America:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/218/11), United States of America
- (f) *Recent events in the Middle East and North Africa:* United States of America (PC.DEL/207/11), Tunisia (Partner for Co-operation)
- (g) *Guantánamo and detainee policy:* Belarus (PC.DEL/214/11 OSCE+), Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/211/11)

Agenda item 9: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Teleconference between the Chairperson-in-Office, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and nine other international organizations on a co-ordination mechanism to provide assistance to North Africa under UN leadership, held on 3 March 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/33/11)*
- (b) *Upcoming visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia, from 13 to 18 March 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/33/11)*
- (c) *Upcoming high-level expert meeting on preventing and responding to hate crimes against Christians, to be held in Rome on 3 and 4 May 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/33/11)*
- (d) *Upcoming meeting on combating intolerance and discrimination against Muslims, to be held in the second half of 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/33/11)*

Agenda item 10: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/46/11 OSCE+): Representative of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential elections in Kazakhstan, to be held on 3 April 2011: Kazakhstan*
- (b) *Opening of the Holocaust Memorial Centre in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Annex)*
- (c) *Recruitment for the post of Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre: Russian Federation*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 17 March 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

It is with great honour and pride that I can inform the PC that, today in Skopje, the “Holocaust Memorial Centre of Macedonia” was opened. The Centre covers 2,700 square metres and has been built using funds from the property of the killed Macedonian Jews with no living heirs, through implementation of the Law on Denationalization, which laid the groundwork for the establishment of the Holocaust Fund for the Macedonian Jews.

In this way, the Republic of Macedonia became one of the very few countries to have resolved the issue of the property of the deported Jews.

This is the fourth Memorial Centre dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust, after Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, the Memorial Museum Centre in Washington, DC, and the Jewish Museum in Berlin.

In 1942, the Nazi forces rounded up 98 per cent of Macedonia’s Jewish population (7,148 Macedonian Jews) and sent them to Treblinka Extermination Camp in Poland. The Macedonian Jewish community was restored in December 1944 from just under 50 survivors. Today, the community has slightly more than 200 members.

As President Gjorge Ivanov stated two days ago: “For many, the Jewish Holocaust represents both the most cruel and the most real metaphor of the twentieth century – a metaphor on human madness, leading to mass killings – a crime that before Raphael Lemkin coined it in 1943 didn’t even have a name! That was most probably because nobody believed that it was possible. But, unfortunately, we have so often witnessed genocide as an evil shadow that follows mankind. That is why mankind should not forget what happened, in order to make sure it never happens again.”



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**DECISION No. 986
DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

Decides that the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting will take place in Warsaw from 26 September to 7 October 2011.



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**DECISION No. 987
TOPICS FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE
HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling its Decision No. 476 (PC.DEC/476) of 23 May 2002 on the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues,

With reference to its Decision No. 986 (PC.DEC/986) on the dates of the 2011 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting,

Decides to select the following topics for the second part of the 2011 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: “Democratic elections and electoral observation”, “Freedom of movement” and “Enhancing implementation of OSCE commitments regarding Roma and Sinti”.



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DECISION No. 988
TOPIC AND DATES OF THE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR
IN WARSAW

The Permanent Council,

Having considered the deliberations of the 2010 OSCE Review Conference,

Decides that the Human Dimension Seminar will take place in Warsaw from 18 to 20 May 2011 and will be devoted to the topic “The role of political parties in the political process”;

Tasks the ODIHR with elaborating the agenda and modalities of the Seminar.