



Chairmanship: Ukraine

960th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 11 July 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE, Ambassador Vittorio Rocco di Torrepadula.

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

Agenda item 1: REPORT BY THE OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES

OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM.GAL/1/13 OSCE+), Lithuania-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/667/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/661/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/676/13 OSCE+), Canada (also on behalf of Iceland and Liechtenstein) (PC.DEL/679/13 OSCE+), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/683/13 OSCE+), Switzerland (PC.DEL/665/13), United Kingdom, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/666/13 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Georgia (PC.DEL/682/13), Moldova (PC.DEL/671/13 OSCE+), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/675/13), Holy See, Latvia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Serbia (PC.DEL/672/13 OSCE+), Armenia, Director of the Office of the Secretary General, Norway (PC.DEL/673/13), Chairperson

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT THE OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES

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Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1086 (PC.DEC/1086) on the recommendation to appoint the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, the text of which is appended to this journal.

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Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Response to a statement by the Russian Federation made at the 959th meeting of the Permanent Council on xenophobia, anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism in the OSCE area:* France (PC.DEL/680/13)
- (b) *Responses to a statement by the Russian Federation made at the 959th meeting of the Permanent Council on demonstrations against same-sex marriage in the OSCE area:* France (PC.DEL/681/13), Norway (PC.DEL/674/13)
- (c) *Eighteenth anniversary of the massacre in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina:* Lithuania-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Albania; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/669/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/662/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/678/13), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/664/13)
- (d) *Fortieth anniversary of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, marked on 7 July 2013:* Lithuania-European Union (with 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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/668/13),
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- (e) *Safety of journalists in the OSCE area:* Lithuania-European Union (with 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/670/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/663/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/677/13 OSCE+)

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

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report on the activities of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/100/13):* Chairperson
- (b) *Visit of the Chairperson-in-Office to Azerbaijan on 8 and 9 July 2013:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/100/13)

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/130/13 OSCE+):* Director of the Office of the Secretary General
- (b) *Working group on OSCE facilitation of municipal elections in northern Kosovo municipalities, held in Brussels on 3 and 4 July 2013:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/130/13 OSCE+)
- (c) *Appeal for the nomination of candidates for the position of Legal Officer in the Secretariat:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/130/13 OSCE+)
- (d) *Invitation to participate in an online survey on the Border Management Staff College:* Director of the Office of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/130/13 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Joint Statement by the Presidents of the United States of America and the Russian Federation on a New Field of Co-operation in Confidence-Building:* United States of America
- (b) *Announcement of the meeting of the informal working group established by Permanent Council Decision No. 1039, to be held on 17 and 18 July 2013:* United States of America
- (c) *Farewell to the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the OSCE, Ambassador T. Brylle:* Chairperson, Denmark
- (d) *Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on the Rule of Law in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, to be held in Vienna on 11 and 12 July 2013:* Chairperson
- (e) *Conference on the Prevention of the Illicit Drug Trade on the Internet, to be held in Vienna on 25 and 26 July 2013:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 18 July 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1086
RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT THE OSCE HIGH
COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL MINORITIES**

The Permanent Council,

Recalling the decision of the CSCE Helsinki Summit 1992 to establish a High Commissioner on National Minorities,

Considering that, in accordance with Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/10, the mandate of Mr. Knut Vollebaek as OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities will expire on 19 August 2013,

Expressing its gratitude to the outgoing OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Mr. Knut Vollebaek, for his contribution to the work of the OSCE and to developing the activities of the OSCE,

1. Requests the Chairperson of the Permanent Council to transmit to the Chairperson-in-Office the draft decision of the Ministerial Council on the appointment of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, as contained in document MC.DD/2/13 of 9 July 2013;
2. Recommends that the Ministerial Council adopt that decision through a silence procedure with the period of silence expiring on 17 July 2013, at noon CET.