

**Chairmanship: Ireland**

**913th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 24 May 2012

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador E. O'Leary

Prior to taking up the agenda, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, expressed condolences to Albania in connection with the bus crash that occurred on 21 May 2012. He also expressed condolences to Italy in connection with the bombing that took place in Brindisi on 19 May 2012 and the earthquake that occurred in northern Italy on 20 May 2012.

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

Agenda item 1: PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 PROGRAMME OUTLINE  
BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Chairperson, Secretary General (SEC.GAL/99/12 OSCE+), France (also on behalf of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom; with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Moldova and Montenegro, in alignment) (PC.DEL/476/12 OSCE+), United States of America (PC.DEL/461/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/474/12 OSCE+), Switzerland (also on behalf of Norway) (PC.DEL/482/12 OSCE+), Canada (PC.DEL/478/12), Croatia, Turkey (PC.DEL/472/12 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/481/12 OSCE+), Azerbaijan, Ukraine

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

(a) *Response to a statement made by Belarus at the 907th meeting of the Permanent Council on the expansion of the powers of the security agencies in*

*the United States of America and Canada: United States of America (PC.DEL/463/12), Belarus*

- (b) *Freedom of assembly and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in a number of OSCE participating States: United States of America (PC.DEL/465/12), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/475/12 OSCE+), Georgia, Armenia, Ukraine, Norway (PC.DEL/467/12), Holy See, Canada*
- (c) *Response to a statement made by the Russian Federation at the 911th meeting of the Permanent Council on freedom of assembly in the United States of America: United States of America (PC.DEL/470/12), Russian Federation*
- (d) *Practices with regard to raising current issues at meetings of the Permanent Council: Chairperson*

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

- (a) *Visit by the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus, Ambassador P. Murphy, and the Co-Chairs of the Geneva Discussions to Moscow on 22 May 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/64/12)*
- (b) *Press release issued by the Chairperson-in-Office on 21 May 2012 on voting in Kosovo in the second round of the Serbian presidential elections: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/64/12) , Denmark-European Union (with the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Iceland; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in alignment) (PC.DEL/473/12), United States of America (PC.DEL/462/12), Serbia (PC.DEL/469/12)*
- (c) *Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Strengthening the Legal Framework of the OSCE, to be held on 8 June 2012: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/64/12)*

Agenda item 4:           REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General: Secretary General*
- (b) *Facilitation by the OSCE of voting in Kosovo in the Serbian presidential elections: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/100/12 OSCE+), Chairperson*

Agenda item 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *International Missing Children's Day, to be observed on 25 May 2012:* United States of America (PC.DEL/464/12)
- (b) *Release by the US Department of State of the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2011 and announcement of the winners of the 2011 Human Rights Defenders Award:* United States of America (PC.DEL/466/12), Belarus
- (c) *Olympic Truce during the XXX Summer Olympic Games and the 2012 Summer Paralympic Games, to be held in London from 27 July to 12 August 2012 and from 29 August to 9 September 2012 respectively:* United Kingdom (PC.DEL/477/12)
- (d) *Parliamentary elections in the Netherlands, to be held on 12 September 2012:* Netherlands
- (e) *Quarterly Report on the Collection of Assessed Contributions and Actions in the Event of Arrears:* Chairperson
- (f) *Informal meeting on reviewing the implementation of the 2003 Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, to be held on 30 May 2012:* Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 31 May 2012, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal