

Chairmanship: Ukraine

959th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 4 July 2013

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador I. Prokopchuk

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE OFFICE IN BAKU

Head of the OSCE Office in Baku (PC.FR/14/13 OSCE+),
Lithuania-European Union (with the candidate countries Iceland and
Montenegro, in alignment) (PC.DEL/638/13), United States of America
(PC.DEL/649/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/641/13 OSCE+), Switzerland
(PC.DEL/630/13 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/631/13), Turkey
(PC.DEL/632/13 OSCE+), Armenia, Azerbaijan, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012 AND THE
REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Chairperson, outgoing OSCE External Auditor (PC.ACMF/27/13),
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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area;
as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in
alignment) (PC.DEL/639/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/650/13),
Russian Federation (PC.DEL/642/13 OSCE+), Azerbaijan, OSCE External
Auditor

1 Incorporates a correction in the speaker list under agenda item 1.

Agenda item 3: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Audit Committee, 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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/637/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/651/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/643/13 OSCE+), Secretary General

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2013 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1085 (PC.DEC/1085) on the agenda and organizational modalities of the 2013 OSCE Mediterranean Conference, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Twenty-fourth round of the Geneva International Discussions, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 25 and 26 June 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 country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment), United States of America, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/644/13), Georgia (PC.DEL/633/13), Chairperson
- (b) *Presidential elections in Mongolia, held on 26 June 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 Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/635/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/653/13), Mongolia
- (c) *Suspension order imposed on the non-governmental organization Golos in the Russian Federation:* Lithuania-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; 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 Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/640/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/654/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/646/13)

- (d) *Human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in the Russian Federation*: Lithuania-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; 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/634/13), United States of America (PC.DEL/655/13), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/648/13)
- (e) *Xenophobia, anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism in the OSCE area*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/645/13), Lithuania-European Union, Germany, Canada
- (f) *The Voting Rights Act in the United States of America*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/647/13), United States of America

Agenda item 6: 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*: Chairperson
- (b) *Address by the Chairperson-in-Office at the 22nd Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 29 June to 3 July 2013*: Chairperson
- (c) *Statement by the Chairperson-in-Office marking the 40th anniversary of the start of the Helsinki Process*: Chairperson
- (d) *Selection process for the position of High Commissioner on National Minorities*: Chairperson, Croatia

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General*: Secretary General
- (b) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, H.E. N. Pillay, on 28 June 2013*: Secretary General
- (c) *Address by the Secretary General at the 22nd Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 29 June to 3 July 2013*: Secretary General
- (d) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, H.E. F. Belfrage, on 1 July 2013*: Secretary General

- (e) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, H.E. F. Timmermans, on 1 July 2013: Secretary General*
- (f) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Latvia, H.E. A. Pildegovics, on 1 July 2013: Secretary General*
- (g) *Meeting of the Secretary General with Federal Councillor, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, H.E. D. Burkhalter; and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia, H.E. I. Mrkić, on 2 July 2013: Secretary General*
- (h) *Meeting of the Secretary General with the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Cho Tae-yul: Secretary General*
- (i) *Working group on OSCE facilitation of municipal elections in northern Kosovo municipalities: Secretary General*
- (j) *Completion of a project on eliminating stockpiles of mélange in Kazakhstan: Secretary General*

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *22nd Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 29 June to 3 July 2013: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*
- (b) *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*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 July 2013, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 1085
AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE
2013 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE**

(Monaco, 28 and 29 October 2013)

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the offer by Monaco to host the 2013 OSCE Mediterranean Conference,

Further to the discussion in the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2013 OSCE Mediterranean Conference on the topic “Enhancing the Role of Women in Public, Political and Economic Life” in Monaco, on 28 and 29 October 2013;

Adopts the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the Conference, as contained in the annex.

AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2013 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON ENHANCING THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE

Monaco, 28 and 29 October 2013

I. Indicative agenda

Introduction

Following the agreement reached in the framework of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation in 2012, the 2013 OSCE Mediterranean Conference will focus primarily on one of the three dimensions of security. The first full day will cover one primary dimension and the morning of the second day will address current issues in the remaining two dimensions. A similar approach is expected to be followed in successive Mediterranean Conferences, which will focus in particular on one primary dimension each year, on a rotational basis.

Monday, 28 October 2013

8.30–9.15 a.m.	Registration of participants
9.15–10 a.m.	Opening session
10–10.30 a.m.	Coffee break
10.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m.	Session I (Part 1): Enhancing women's participation in public and political life
12.45–2.15 p.m.	Lunch break
2.15–3.45 p.m.	Session I (Part 2): Implementing equal opportunities for women
3.45–4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15–5.45 p.m.	Session I (Part 3): The way forward: is there a potential for more co-operation with the OSCE?

Tuesday, 29 October 2013

9.30–10.30 a.m.	Session II: The social and economic impact of trafficking for labour exploitation, and the role of the business sector
10.30–11.30 a.m.	Session III: Efforts to combat the financing of terrorism, particularly payment of ransom to free hostages
11.30 a.m.–12 noon	Coffee break
12 noon–1 p.m.	Closing session

II. Participation

The Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia) will participate in and contribute to the Conference. The Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Thailand) will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE institutions, including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference. The following international organizations and institutions will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference: Adriatic Ionian Initiative, African Development Bank, African Union, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, European Union, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean, Financial Action Task Force, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Labour Organisation, International Monetary Fund, International Organization for Migration, Islamic Development Bank, Inter-Parliamentary Union, League of Arab States, Mediterranean Forum, Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, OPEC Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organisation for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Regional Co-operation Council, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Southeast European Cooperative Initiative, South Eastern Europe Co-operation Process, Union for the Mediterranean, UN Habitat, United Nations, UN Al-Qaida Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Cities and Local Governments, UNICEF, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UN Women, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Bank.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations will be able to attend and contribute to the Conference in accordance with the relevant OSCE provisions and practices (advance registration required).

Other countries and organizations may be invited by the host country.

III. Organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening session) on the first day, and end at 1 p.m. on the second day.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur appointed by the Chairperson. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council for further consideration.

Appropriate arrangements for press coverage will be made.

The working language will be English. At the request of several participating States, interpretation will be provided from and into French. These arrangements will not constitute a precedent that can be relied upon in other circumstances.

The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Conference. Also, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will be taken into account.