

Chairmanship: Lithuania

891st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 24 November 2011

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Norkus

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO, H.E. ANTONELLA MULARONI

Chairperson, Minister of Foreign and Political Affairs, Telecommunications and Transport of the Republic of San Marino, Poland-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 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 and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1143/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/1134/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1150/11), Andorra (PC.DEL/1142/11), Holy See (PC.DEL/1141/11)

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

OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (FOM.GAL/7/11/Rev.1 OSCE+), Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Iceland and Montenegro; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1144/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/1151/11), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/1148/11), Switzerland

(PC.DEL/1139/11 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Norway (PC.DEL/1137/11), Croatia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/1146/11 OSCE+), Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey (PC.DEL/1147/11 OSCE+), Turkmenistan, Lithuania, Chairperson

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2012 OSCE-THAILAND CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING SECURITY THROUGH REGIONAL CO-OPERATION: THE OSCE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH AND EXPERIENCES OF ASIAN PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1009 (PC.DEC/1009) on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2012 OSCE-Thailand Conference on Strengthening Security through Regional Co-operation: The OSCE Comprehensive Approach and Experiences of Asian Partners for Co-operation, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Thailand (Partner for Co-operation), Chairperson

Agenda item 4: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Freedom of the media in the Russian Federation:* United States of America (PC.DEL/1136/11)
- (b) *Case of Mr. A. Byalyatski in Belarus:* Poland-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; as well as the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, in alignment) (PC.DEL/1145/11), United States of America (PC.DEL/1135/11), Norway (PC.DEL/1138/11), Belarus (PC.DEL/1140/11 OSCE+), Chairperson

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

- (a) *Visit of the Co-Chairs of the Geneva Discussions to Moscow, Sukhumi and Tbilisi from 14 to 19 November 2011:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/239/11)
- (b) *Seventeenth Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism meeting, held in Dvani, Georgia, on 22 November 2011:* Chairperson (CIO.GAL/239/11)
- (c) *Statement by the Chairperson-in-Office welcoming the meeting and joint declaration between the Prime Minister of Moldova, Mr. V. Filat and the leader of Transdnistria, Mr. I. Smirnov, held at the OSCE Mission to*

*Moldova's office in Bender on 21 November 2011: Chairperson
(CIO.GAL/239/11)*

- (d) *Address by the Chairperson-in-Office to the North Atlantic Council, held in
Brussels on 23 November 2011: Chairperson (CIO.GAL/239/11)*

Agenda item 6: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General:
Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*
- (b) *Announcement of the upcoming visit of the Secretary General to Kyrgyzstan to
attend the inauguration of President-elect Atambayev on 1 December 2011:
Representative of the Conflict Prevention Centre*

Agenda item 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parliamentary elections in Slovakia, to be held on 10 March 2012: Slovakia

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 1 December 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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ASIAN PARTNERS FOR CO-OPERATION

Chiang Mai, Thailand, 13 and 14 February 2012

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion within the framework of the Contact Group with the Partners for Co-operation in Asia,

Welcoming the offer by Thailand to host the annual conference with the Asian Partners for Co-operation,

Decides to hold the 2012 OSCE-Thailand Conference on Strengthening Security through Regional Co-operation: The OSCE Comprehensive Approach and Experiences of Asian Partners for Co-operation;

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

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Chiang Mai, Thailand, 13 and 14 February 2012

**Co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and the
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)**

I. Agenda

Monday, 13 February 2012

8.30–9.15 a.m. Registration of participants

9.15–10 a.m. Opening session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office or
representative of the host country

- Representative of the host country
- Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
- Representative of the Chairperson of the Contact Group with
the Asian Partners for Co-operation
- Secretary General of the OSCE

10–10.30 a.m. Coffee break

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Session 1: Enhancing regional security through confidence- and
security-building measures and co-operation in addressing
transnational threats

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian
Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian
Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Confidence- and security-building measures in the OSCE area: Lessons learned and new threats;
- Developing an Asia-Pacific security architecture: Challenges and way ahead in responding to transnational threats;
- Implementing confidence- and security-building measures and addressing transnational threats in border areas including the experience of Thailand in combating illicit trafficking in drugs.

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

1–3 p.m.

Lunch

3–5.30 p.m.

Session 2: Strengthening regional security through dialogue and co-operation for promotion of sustainable transport and energy security

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Responding to environmental challenges in the areas of transport and energy security through effective regional co-operation;
- Intensification of regional and international co-operation in the areas of transport and energy security: role and experience of OSCE and of ASEAN in their regions;
- Promoting good governance, with a special focus on anti-corruption measures, and the role of civil society.

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

Tuesday, 14 February 2012

9.30–11.30 a.m. Session 3: Exchange of experiences in protecting and promoting human rights, rule of law and democracy at the national and regional levels

Moderator: Representative from an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

Rapporteur: Representative of an OSCE participating State or Asian Partner for Co-operation

This session will focus on:

- Sharing best practices on promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms including the role and experience of OSCE institutions and the human dimension as a component of comprehensive security;
- Combating trafficking in human beings: Lessons learned and new threats;
- Promotion and protection of human rights through national and regional mechanisms.

Speakers

Discussion

Conclusions and remarks by the moderator

11.30 a.m.–12 noon Coffee break

12 noon–1.30 p.m. Closing session

Chairperson: Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office

Discussion and assessment of the OSCE Asian dialogue

Concluding statement by a representative of the host country

Concluding statement by a representative the Chairperson of the Contact Group with the Asian Partners for Co-operation

1.30 p.m. End of Conference

II. Participation

The OSCE participating States are invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The Partners for Co-operation will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE executive structures and 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: Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation, Central European Initiative, Collective Security Treaty Organization, Community of Democracies, Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, Council of Europe, Economic Co-operation Organization, Eurasian Economic Community, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of the Red Cross, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Shanghai Co-operation Organization, United Nations, United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, World Customs Organization and the World Bank.

Representatives of the members of the ARF may attend as guests of the host country. Other countries and organizations may also be invited by the host country.

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).

III. Timetable and other organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 9.15 a.m. (opening session) on 13 February 2012 and end at 1.30 p.m. on 14 February 2012.

The opening and closing sessions will be chaired by a representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and a representative of the host country.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council.

Rules of procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The opening and closing sessions will be open to the media. The Conference will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The working language will be English.