

Chairmanship: Greece

781st PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 12 November 2009

Opened: 10.10 a.m.

Closed: 12.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M. Marinaki

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

Agenda item 1: OSCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LATVIAN-RUSSIAN
JOINT COMMISSION ON MILITARY PENSIONERS

Chairperson, OSCE Representative to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners (PC.FR/22/09 OSCE+), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/915/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/920/09 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2: REPORT BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MINSK
GROUP

Discussion under agenda item 3

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE OSCE CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON THE CONFLICT
DEALT WITH BY THE OSCE MINSK CONFERENCE

Chairperson, Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (Russian Federation),
Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group (France), Co-Chairman of the Minsk Group
(United States of America), Personal Representative of the OSCE
Chairman-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk

Conference (PC.FR/21/09 OSCE+), Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/914/09), Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/918/09 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERT
WORKSHOP ON COMBATING MODERN SLAVERY:
NATIONAL, REGIONAL, INTERNATIONAL
EXPERIENCES

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 902 (PC.DEC/902), the text of which is appended to this journal, on an International Expert Workshop on Combating Modern Slavery: National, Regional, International Experiences.

Agenda item 5: DECISION ON A WORKSHOP ON COMBATING ILLICIT
CROP CULTIVATION AND ENHANCING BORDER
SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT: THAILAND AS A
CASE STUDY

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 903 (PC.DEC/903), the text of which is appended to this journal, on a Workshop on Combating Illicit Crop Cultivation and Enhancing Border Security and Management: Thailand as a Case Study.

Finland, Thailand (Partner for Co-operation), Kazakhstan, Mongolia (Partner for Co-operation)

Agenda item 6: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Eighth round of the Geneva International Discussions, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 11 November 2009:* Sweden-European Union (with the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/916/09), United States of America (PC.DEL/912/09), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/922/09 OSCE+), Georgia
- (b) *Report by the OSCE/ODIHR needs assessment mission on the forthcoming parliamentary elections in Uzbekistan:* Sweden-European Union (with the

candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/917/09), Russian Federation, Uzbekistan (PC.DEL/921/09),
Chairperson

- (c) *Investigation into the murders of human rights lawyer Mr. S. Markelov and journalist Ms. A. Baburova*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/923/09 OSCE+),
Chairperson
- (d) *Attack against journalists in Kyrgyzstan*: United States of America (PC.DEL/911/09), Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/919/09 OSCE+)

Agenda item 7: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

- (a) *Participation of the Alternate Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece and Special Envoy of the Chairman-in-Office, H.E. D. Droutsas, in an informal meeting in the “five plus two” negotiation format on a settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict, held in Vienna on 6 November 2009* (SEC.PR/528/09): Chairperson
- (b) *Participation of Ambassador C. Christopoulos in a seminar sponsored by the OSCE Mission to Moldova and the Greek OSCE Chairmanship on “Co-operation between law enforcement bodies”, held in Chisinau, on 8 and 9 November 2009*: Chairperson
- (c) *Co-chairmanship by the Special Representative of the Chairman-in-Office, Ambassador C. Christopoulos, of the eighth round of the Geneva International Discussions, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 11 November 2009* (SEC.PR/535/09): Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General* (SEC.GAL/184/09 OSCE+): Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (b) *Organizational matters related to the 2009 Mediterranean Conference* (SEC.GAL/184/09 OSCE+): Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre
- (c) *Vacancies for secondment positions in the OSCE* (SEC.GAL/184/09 OSCE+): Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Selection process for the appointment of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media* (CIO.GAL/177/09): Chairperson

- (b) *Organizational matters related to the Seventeenth Meeting of the Ministerial Council: Chairperson*
- (c) *Presidential elections in Croatia, to be held on 27 December 2009: Croatia (PC.DEL/913/09)*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 19 November 2009, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**DECISION No. 902
INTERNATIONAL EXPERT WORKSHOP ON COMBATING
MODERN SLAVERY: NATIONAL, REGIONAL,
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES**

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 9 and 10 February 2010

The Permanent Council,

Welcoming the proposal by Kazakhstan and Mongolia, contained in PC.DEL/836/09/Rev.1, to use the OSCE Partnership Fund to finance an international expert workshop on combating modern slavery: national, regional, international experiences, to be sponsored by the 2010 OSCE Chairmanship, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on 9 and 10 February 2010,

Welcoming the sponsorship by the incoming 2010 OSCE Chairmanship of this particular event,

Recalling the Madrid Ministerial Declaration on the OSCE Partners for Co-operation (MC.DOC/1/07),

Recalling Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/03, adopted in Maastricht, on combating trafficking in human beings,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 812 on the establishment of a Partnership Fund,

Decides to authorize the use of the Partnership Fund, subject to the availability of sufficient contributions, to finance the proposed workshop;

Encourages the participating States and the Asian Partners for Co-operation to contribute to the Partnership Fund for this purpose.



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PC Journal No. 781, Agenda item 5

**DECISION No. 903
WORKSHOP ON COMBATING ILLICIT CROP CULTIVATION AND
ENHANCING BORDER SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT:
THAILAND AS A CASE STUDY**

Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, Thailand, 24 to 28 January 2010

The Permanent Council,

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

Welcoming the proposal by Kazakhstan and Thailand, contained in PC.DEL/835/09, to use the OSCE Partnership Fund to finance a workshop on combating illicit crop cultivation and enhancing border security and management: Thailand as a case study, to be sponsored by the 2010 OSCE Chairmanship, in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, Thailand, from 24 to 28 January 2010,

Welcoming the sponsorship by the incoming 2010 OSCE Chairmanship of this particular event,

Recalling the OSCE Border Security and Management Concept (MC.DOC/2/05),

Recalling the Madrid Ministerial Declaration on the OSCE Partners for Co-operation (MC.DOC/1/07),

Recalling Ljubljana Ministerial Council Decision No. 5/05 on combating the threat of illicit drugs (MC.DEC/5/05),

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 758 on enhancing international anti-drug co-operation,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 813 on combating the threat of illicit drugs and precursors,

Recalling Permanent Council Decision No. 812 on the establishment of a Partnership Fund,

Decides to authorize the use of the Partnership Fund, subject to the availability of sufficient contributions, to finance the proposed workshop;

Encourages the participating States and the Asian Partners for Co-operation to contribute to the Partnership Fund for this purpose.