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**Chairmanship: Switzerland****999th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 8 May 2014

Opened: 10.05 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.20 p.m.  
Closed: 6.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger  
Ms. A. Rauber Saxer

The Chairperson, Greece-European Union, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Azerbaijan and Serbia extended condolences to Afghanistan in connection with the landslide on 2 May 2014 in Badakhshan Province.

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

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF MOLDOVA,  
H.E. NATALIA GHERMAN

Chairperson, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova (PC.DEL/470/14), Greece-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 countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Monaco and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/504/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/471/14), Russian Federation, Ukraine, Canada (PC.DEL/494/14 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/492/14), Romania, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/486/14 OSCE+), Georgia (PC.DEL/485/14 Restr.), Serbia (PC.DEL/502/14 OSCE+)

Agenda item 2:           REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE MISSION TO  
                                  BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.FR/7/14 OSCE+), Greece-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 Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/505/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/473/14), Russian Federation, Turkey (PC.DEL/491/14), Bosnia and Herzegovina (PC.DEL/472/14 Restr.), Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Agenda item 3:           PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 PROGRAMME OUTLINE  
                                  BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Chairperson, Director for Management and Finance, Greece-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 Andorra, Georgia and Moldova, in alignment) (PC.DEL/509/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/474/14), Russian Federation, Norway (PC.DEL/512/14), Canada (PC.DEL/493/14 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/477/14 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/497/14 Restr.), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/487/14 OSCE+), Armenia, Serbia (PC.DEL/496/14 OSCE+)

Agenda item 4:           CURRENT SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE OSCE  
                                  AREA AND OSCE ENGAGEMENT WITH UKRAINE

Chairperson, Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, Ukraine (PC.DEL/479/14 OSCE+), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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 Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/506/14), Canada (PC.DEL/495/14 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/476/14), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Belarus (PC.DEL/480/14 OSCE+), Norway (PC.DEL/513/14/Corr.1), Turkey (PC.DEL/500/14), Austria, Kazakhstan, Germany, United States of America (PC.DEL/490/14), France

Agenda item 5:           REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a)    *World Press Freedom Day, observed on 3 May 2014:* Greece-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 as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/507/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/483/14), Canada (PC.DEL/501/14 OSCE+), Serbia (PC.DEL/503/14 OSCE+), Russian Federation

- (b) *The cases of Mr. R. Mirkadirov and of Mr. A. and Ms. L. Yunus in Azerbaijan:* Greece-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; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/508/14), Armenia, Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/488/14 OSCE+)
- (c) *Situation of Roma in Ukraine:* United States of America (PC.DEL/475/14), Ukraine (PC.DEL/511/14 OSCE+), Russian Federation
- (d) *Sixty-ninth anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe:* Russian Federation, Ukraine (PC.DEL/478/14 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/481/14), Azerbaijan (PC.DEL/489/14 OSCE+), Tajikistan (PC.DEL/482/14 OSCE+), Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Armenia
- (e) *The death penalty in the United States of America:* United States of America (PC.DEL/498/14)

Agenda item 6: AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2014 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR

Chairperson

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1121 (PC.DEC/1121) on the agenda, timetable and other organizational modalities of the 2014 Human Dimension Seminar, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

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

*Announcement of the distribution of the report of the Chairperson-in-Office (CIO.GAL/77/14):* Chairperson

Agenda item 8: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/69/14 OSCE+):* Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats

- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Rome and Kyiv from 7 to 9 May 2014 (SEC.GAL/69/14 OSCE+)*: Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Announcement by the Chairperson-in-Office, in a letter issued on 7 May 2014 (see the annex to this journal), of the adoption through a silence procedure of Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/14, on the appointment of Mr. Michael Georg Link as Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (see MC.DEC/1/14, the text of which is appended to this journal)*: Chairperson, United States of America (PC.DEL/499/14), Greece-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, Georgia, Moldova, Monaco, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/510/14), Turkey
- (b) *Second preparatory meeting of the twenty-second Economic and Environmental Forum, to be held in Montreux, Switzerland, on 20 and 21 May 2014*: Chairperson

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 May 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**999th Plenary Meeting**

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**LETTER OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE**

Bern, 7 May 2014

Dear colleagues,

In my capacity as OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, I have the honour of informing you that the period of silence on the draft Ministerial Council decision on the appointment of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (MC.DD/2/14/Rev.1), expiring on 7 May 2014, at 12 noon CET, has not been broken.

The decision is therefore effective as of today and will be attached to the journal of the Twenty-First Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council and to the journal of the next meeting of the Permanent Council on 8 May 2014.

Those participating States that intend to exercise their right to duly register an interpretive statement or a formal reservation under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE are invited to do so through their OSCE delegations at the above-mentioned meeting of the Permanent Council.

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Didier Burkhalter

To the Ministers for Foreign Affairs  
of the OSCE participating States



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe  
Ministerial Council**

MC.DEC/1/14  
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**DECISION No. 1/14  
APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR  
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Ministerial Council,

Recalling the decision of the Ministerial Council taken at its second meeting in Prague in 1992 concerning the development of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR),

Considering that, according to Ministerial Council Decision No. 1/11, the term of office of the current Director of the ODIHR, Mr. Janez Lenarčič, will expire on 30 June 2014,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Permanent Council,

Decides to appoint Mr. Michael Georg Link as Director of the ODIHR for a period of three years with effect from 1 July 2014.

**999th Plenary Meeting**

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**DECISION No. 1121  
AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL  
MODALITIES OF THE 2014 HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR**

Warsaw, 12–14 May 2014

**Improving OSCE effectiveness by enhancing its co-operation with  
relevant regional and international organizations**

**I. Agenda**

1. Opening of the Seminar
2. Opening plenary: Keynote addresses
3. Discussion in four working groups:
  - Working group I: OSCE human dimension commitments in the context of OSCE co-operation with relevant regional and international organizations
  - Working group II: Providing assistance and expertise
  - Working group III: Collecting, processing, exchanging and disseminating data, statistics and other information
  - Working group IV: Best practices for co-operation between OSCE and other relevant regional and international organizations
4. Closing plenary: Summing up and closing of the Seminar

**II. Timetable and other organizational modalities**

1. The Seminar will open on Monday, 12 May 2014 at 10 a.m. It will close on Wednesday, 14 May 2014 at 6 p.m.
2. All plenary sessions and working group sessions will be open to all participants.

3. The closing plenary session, scheduled for the afternoon of 14 May 2014, will focus on practical suggestions and recommendations for addressing the issues discussed during the working group sessions.
4. The plenary and working group sessions will take place in accordance with the work programme below.
5. A representative of the ODIHR will chair the plenary sessions.
6. The Rules of Procedure of the OSCE and the modalities for OSCE meetings on human dimension issues (Permanent Council Decision No. 476) will be followed, *mutatis mutandis*, at the Seminar. Furthermore, the guidelines for organizing OSCE meetings (Permanent Council Decision No. 762) will also be taken into account.
7. The discussions during the plenary and working group sessions will be interpreted from and into the six working languages of the OSCE.

### **Work programme**

Working hours: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
3–6 p.m.

	<b>Monday 12 May 2014</b>	<b>Tuesday 13 May 2014</b>	<b>Wednesday 14 May 2014</b>
<b>Morning</b>	Opening plenary session	Working group II	Working group IV
<b>Afternoon</b>	Working group I	Working group III	Concluding plenary session