

Special Representative

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and

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This week, there were meetings of the Permanent Council, the FSC, subsidiary bodies and several meetings of informal working groups. The Irish Chairmanship hosted an informal briefing in which I presented the outcome of the Monaco Annual Session, including details of the Declaration and the resolutions which have been adopted. After the presentation, I answered a number of questions from delegates.

The PC took several managerial decisions on future meetings, the most important – because always very contentious - one being the decision on the agenda for the next Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in Warsaw (September 24 to October 5, 2012). Russia had dropped its request to include “the whole range of commitments in this area, including the integral component of economic, social and cultural rights” in order to contribute to the consensus, but made its request the subject of an interpretative statement.

Other conferences will be the 2012 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting in Vienna (October 16/17, 2012), the OSCE Mediterranean Conference in Rome (October 30/31, 2012), and the 21st Economic and Environmental Forum (Prague, September 11 – 13, 2013). The PC also adopted two of the three draft decisions on transnational threats, which until the very last minute had been victims of a terminology dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The adopted decisions are on the OSCE Concept for Combating the Threat of Illicit Drugs and the Diversion of Chemical Precursors, and on the OSCE Strategic Framework on Police-Related Activities. The decision on an Anti-Terrorism Framework is still open.

During the PC meeting, I made another less comprehensive statement of the outcome of the Monaco Session. I would have liked to make it – like last year - under “Current Issues”, in order to trigger replies from participating States, but the Chairmanship insisted that I should make it under “Any other Business”, a point under which replies are given only in exceptional cases. In this context, I also briefed the PC about the upcoming PA observation mission of the elections in Belarus. As expected, I did not get any reactions from delegations with the exception of the Chairman of the Permanent Council who reiterated the congratulations for President Migliori.

The OSCE will now have its Summer Recess. The next regular Permanent Council meeting will take place on September 6, 2012. My next PC Brief will therefore come out at the end of the first week of September. I wish everybody a pleasant summer!



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