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# **NATO Parliamentary Assembly**

## **FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**

### **SUMMARY**

#### **PLENARY SITTING**

**Monday, 12 November 2012**

**Prague Congress Centre, Prague, Czech Republic**

### **1. Opening of the Sitting**

**The sitting was opened at 9.10 a.m. on Monday, 12 November 2012, with Karl A. Lamers (Germany), President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair.**

**The President** declared the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly open.

**The Assembly observed a minute of silence to commemorate the life of Charlie Rose, a former President of the Assembly and a co-founder of the Rose-Roth Seminars.**

### **2. Address by Karl A Lamers, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly**

**The President** addressed the Assembly.

### **3. Address by Milan Štěch, President of the Senate of the Czech Republic**

**Mr Štěch** addressed the Assembly.

**The President** thanked Mr Štěch.

### **4. Address by Miroslava Němcová, the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic**

**Mrs Němcová** addressed the Assembly.

**The President** thanked Mrs Němcová.

### **5. Address by Petr Nečas, the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic**

**Mr Nečas** addressed the Assembly.

**The President** thanked Mr Nečas.

### **6. Address by Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Secretary General of NATO and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council, followed by a question and answer period**

**Mr Rasmussen** addressed the Assembly and answered questions from **Gilbert Le Bris**(France), **Michael Turner** (United States), **Beatriz Rodriguez-Salmones**(Spain), **Ragnheidur E. Arnadottir**(Iceland), **Hendrik Jan Ormel**(Netherlands), **Vladimir Komoedov**(Russian Federation), **Ojars Eriks Kalnins**(Latvia), **Boris Blazekovic**(Croatia) and **Jean-Louis Carrère**(France).

**The President** thanked Mr Rasmussen.

**7. Address by Filip Vujanović, President of the Republic of Montenegro**

**The President** thanked Mr Vujanović.

**8. Address by Božo Ljubić, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**The President** thanked Mr Ljubić.

**9. Address by Nikola Gruevski, President of the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\***

**The President** thanked Mr Gruevski.

**10. Address by Mikheil Saakashvili, President of the Republic of Georgia**

**The President** thanked Mr Saakashvili.

**11. Election of the President of the Assembly**

There being only one nomination for the post of President of the Assembly, **Hugh Bayley** (United Kingdom) **was elected by acclamation.**

**Hugh Bayley** addressed the Assembly and took the Chair.

**12. Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly**

There being five nominations for the positions of Vice-President, **Juan Miranda Calha** (Portugal) **was re-elected**, **Nicole Ameline** (France), **Cheryl Gallant** (Canada), **Giorgio La Malfa** (Italy) and **Karl A. Lamers** (Germany) **were elected by acclamation.**

**Karl A. Lamers** resumed the Chair.

**The President** thanked **Petras Austrevicius** (Lithuania), **Jeff Miller** (United States) and **Jadwiga Zakrzewska** (Poland), the outgoing Vice-Presidents, for their contribution to the work of the Assembly.

**Jean-Louis Carrère** (France) and **Beatriz Rodriguez-Salmones** (Spain) thanked the President.

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Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.

- 13. Ceremony of the granting of the Medal of the Baltic Assembly to Simon Lunn, former Secretary General of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly**

The sitting was suspended between 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. and resumed with Hugh Bayley, a Vice-President of Assembly, in the Chair.

- 14. Presentation by Sen Pierre-Claude Nolin, Treasurer of the Assembly, and Vote on the draft Budget of the Assembly for 2013 [099 FIN 12 E rev. 1 bis]**

Pierre-Claude Nolin (Canada) presented the draft Budget.

The draft Budget of the Assembly for 2013 [099 FIN E Rev. 1 bis] was agreed to.

The Vice-President thanked Sen Nolin.

- 15. Presentation by Mr Jeppe Kofod, Rapporteur of the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Economic Relations of the Economic and Security Committee, of the text on *Arctic Economic Opportunities, Environmental Obligations and Security Stakes*, debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [184 ESC 12 E rev. 1]**

Jeppe Kofod (Denmark) presented the draft Resolution.

Rainer Stinner (Germany) raised a point of order.

The Vice-President replied.

The draft Resolution [184 ESC 12 E rev. 1] was agreed to.

- 16. Presentation by Sen Raynell Andreychuk, Chairperson of the Political Committee, of the text on *Developments in Syria: Security Implications for the Region and Beyond*, debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [186 PC 12 E rev. 1]**

Raynell Andreychuk (Canada) presented the draft Resolution.

Vyacheslav Nikonov (Russian Federation) spoke.

Andreas Loverdos (Greece) spoke.

Sen Andreychuk replied.

The draft Resolution [186 PC 12 E rev. 1] was agreed to.

- 17. Presentation by Mr Sven Mikser, General Rapporteur of the Defence and Security Committee, of the text on *Afghanistan: Ensuring a Successful Transition*, debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [183 DSC 12 E rev. 1]**

**Sven Mikser** (Estonia) presented the draft Resolution.

**Sir Menzies Campbell** (United Kingdom) spoke.

**Mr Mikser** replied.

**The draft Resolution [183 DSC 12 E rev. 1] was agreed to.**

- 18. Presentation by Mr Petras Austrevicius, President of the Economics and Security Committee, of the text on *The Euro Crisis: Defence and Security Implications*, debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [188 ESC 12 E rev. 1]**

**Petras Austrevicius** (Lithuania) presented the draft Resolution.

**The draft Resolution [188 ESC 12 E rev. 1] was agreed to.**

- 19. Presentation by Hon David Scott, General Rapporteur of the Science and Technology Committee, of the text on *The Iranian Nuclear Programme*, debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [187 STC 12 E rev. 1]**

**David Scott** (United States) presented the draft Resolution.

**The draft Resolution [187 STC 12 E rev. 1] was agreed to.**

- 20. Presentation by Mr Assen Agov, General Rapporteur of the Political Committee, of the text on *NATO Post-Chicago*, debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [185 PC 12 E rev. 1]**

**Assen Agov** (Bulgaria) presented the draft Resolution.

**The draft Resolution [185 PC 12 E rev. 1] was agreed to.**

- 21. Presentation by Mrs Ulla Schmidt, General Rapporteur of the Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security, of the text on *The Democratic Transition in the Middle East and North Africa*, debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [181 CDS 12 E rev. 1]**

**Ulla Schmidt** (Germany) presented the draft Resolution.

**The draft Resolution [181 CDS 12 E rev. 1] was agreed to.**

**22. Presentation by SenLucio Malan, Rapporteur of the Sub-Committee on Democratic Governance of the Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security, of the text on *The Future of Democracy in the Eastern Neighbourhood*, debate and Vote on the draft Resolution [182 CDS 12 E rev. 1]**

**Lucio Malan** (Italy) presented the draft Resolution.

**Alexander Savenkov** (Russian Federation) spoke.

**Sen Malan** replied.

**Paragraph 1 was agreed to.**

**Lucio Malan** (Italy) moved Amendment No. 1, as follows:

At the end of paragraph 2, add the following words:

"and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Georgia's declaration of its aspirations to NATO membership"

**Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.**

**Paragraph 2, as amended, was agreed to.**

**Lucio Malan** (Italy) moved Amendment No. 2, as follows:

At the end of paragraph 3, add the following words:

"Georgia's active co-operation with NATO through the NATO-Georgia Commission as well as its very significant contribution to NATO-led operations"

**Amendment No. 2 was agreed to.**

**Paragraph 3, as amended, was agreed to.**

**Lucio Malan** (Italy) moved Amendment No. 3, as follows:

After the word "Belarus", insert the word

"Georgia"

**Amendment No. 3 was agreed to.**

**Paragraph 4, as amended, was agreed to.**

**Lucio Malan** (Italy) moved Amendment No. 4, as follows:

Delete the word "three"

**Amendment No. 4 was agreed to.**

**Lucio Malan** (Italy) moved Amendment No. 5, as follows:

At the end of paragraph 5, add the following words:

"in Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine"

**Amendment No. 5 was agreed to.**

**Paragraph 5, as amended, was agreed to.**

**Paragraphs 6 to 9 were agreed to.**

**Victor A. Ozerov** (Russian Federation) moved Amendment No. 8, as follows:

"Delete paragraph 10"

**SenMalan** replied.

**Amendment No. 8 was rejected.**

**Paragraph 10 was agreed to.**

**Sen Malan** (Italy) moved Amendment No. 6, as follows:

Before the word "government" insert the words

"parliament and"

**Amendment No. 6 was agreed to.**

**Paragraph 11, as amended, was agreed to.**

**Erna Solberg** (Norway) moved Amendment No. 10, as follows:

After paragraph 11 insert the following new paragraph

**EXPRESSES CONCERN**over the reported pressure on local self-government institutions and particularly the Georgian Public Broadcaster and **CALLS UPON**the new Government of Georgia to refrain from politically motivated arrests;

**SenMalan** replied.

**Amendment No. 10 was agreed to.**

**Sen Malan** (Italy) moved Amendment No. 7, as follows:

After the word "Belarus" insert the word

"Georgia"

**Amendment No. 7 was agreed to.**

**Victor A. Ozerov** (Russian Federation) moved Amendment No. 9, as follows:

Delete sub-paragraph 12. f

**Sen Malan** replied.

**Amendment No. 9 was rejected.**

**Joseph A. Day** (Canada) spoke.

**SenMalan** replied.

**Paragraph 12, as amended, was agreed to.**

**The draft Resolution [182 CDS 12 E rev. 1], as amended, was agreed to.**

**The President resumed the Chair.**

### **23. Closure of the Session**

The **President** thanked **Mr Jan Hamáček** and the Czech Delegation, its staff, the staff of the two Chambers of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the International Secretariat, the staff of the conference centre, the interpreters, the security staff and all the others who had helped the session run so smoothly.

The Session was closed at 3.40 p.m.

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