
Norwegian Chairmanship**238th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL****1. Date: Thursday, 8 July 1999**

Opened: 10.20 a.m.

Suspended: 12.15 p.m.

Resumed: 3.15 p.m.

Closed: 5.05 p.m.

**2. Chairman: Mr. K. Eide
Mr. Ø. Hovdkinn**

H.E. Boris Frlec, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, addressed the meeting (PC.DEL/337/99).

Chairman, United States of America (PC.DEL/343/99), Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/338/99), Switzerland, Russian Federation, Canada, Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Croatia

H.E. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, addressed the meeting.

Chairman, United States of America (PC.DEL/348/99), Russian Federation, Switzerland, Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/347/99), Turkmenistan, Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova), Canada, Kazakhstan, Director of the ODIHR

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE CENTRE IN ALMATY

Head of the OSCE Centre in Almaty, Chairman, Turkey, Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/339/99), Switzerland, Russian Federation, United States of America (PC.DEL/344/99), Kazakhstan

Agenda item 2: OSCE CENTRE IN BISHKEK

Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek (PC.FR/19/99), United States of America (PC.DEL/345/99), Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/340/99), Switzerland, Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan, Chairman

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1998

Chairman

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 309 (PC.DEC/309), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the Audited Financial Statements for 1998.

Agenda item 4: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Chairman, United States of America, Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic), European Commission, Switzerland

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Memorandum of Understanding between Ukraine and the OSCE:* Chairman
- (b) *Military Transparency Meeting on Moldova:* Chairman
- (c) *Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Roma/Sinti Issues on 6 September 1999:* Chairman
- (d) *Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Gender Issues on 14-15 June 1999:* Chairman, United States of America, France
- (e) *Presidential statements on foreign policy of Belarus and situation in Belarus:* Belarus (SEC.DEL/229/99), United States of America
- (f) *Situation in Turkmenistan:* Finland-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the Czech Republic) (PC.DEL/342/99)

- (g) *Gender equality legislation in France*: France
- (h) *Situation in Croatia*: United States of America (PC.DEL/349/99)
- (i) *Situation in Azerbaijan*: United States of America, Azerbaijan

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to the Eighth Annual Session of the OSCE
Parliamentary Assembly in St. Petersburg*: Chairman

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Application for the Chairmanship of the OSCE in the year 2003*: Bulgaria
(PC.DEL/346/99)
- (b) *Panel of Adjudicators*: Chairman (PC.DEC/248)
- (c) *Small-scale projects in Central Asia*: Chairman
- (d) *Decision on the agenda, organizational framework, timetable and other
modalities of the 1999 Review Conference and the Preparatory Meeting to the
Istanbul Summit*: Chairman

Chairman's statement: The Chairman made a statement concerning an invitation to the Royaumont Process to attend the Review Conference, the text of which is annexed to this Journal.

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 July 1999, at 9.30 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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Annex

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Following the Decision of the Permanent Council concerning the agenda, organizational framework, timetable and other modalities of the 1999 Review Conference and the Preparatory Meeting to the Istanbul Summit (PC.DEC/307) of 1 July, some delegations have expressed the desire to also invite the Royaumont Process to the Review Conference to participate in an appropriate manner. Such an invitation will be issued.